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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Spring' March 3

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Spring" 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://www.facebook.com/upperwabash).

Film festival continues March 3 at Manchester

Manchester University will present "120 Battements Par Minute" ("BPM - Beats Per Minute") at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 in the Cordier Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with

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Wabash County United Fund matches Chili for Charity

Eight local nonprofits awarded \$10K

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash County United Fund distributed \$10,000 to eight local nonprofit organizations on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Urbana Community Building.

The funds were part of the 2019 Annual Campaign conducted by Wabash County United Fund.

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"Wabash County United Fund invests in programs that have a positive impact on the quality of life for residents of Wabash County," stated Johnson. "United Fund focuses on three main funding initiatives: education, health and income and financial stability."

Johnson said each of the groups matched with their mission of allowing Wabash County residents "not just get by, but thrive."

"It's a unique blend of programs that are represented today," he said.

Each of the groups in attendance received a regular-sized check along with having the photos taken with one of two large checks which could be erased and redrawn on with dry-

erase markers.

"You might have a little trouble cashing this one," he said, laughing, while referring to the large check. "I always wondered what the banks would do if you brought one of these."

Wabash Cannonball Chili for Charity and Wabash County United Fund are locally governed non-profit organizations dedicated to providing financial support to qualified nonprofit organizations serving Wabash County. For more information, visit www.chiliforcharity.com or by call Todd Titus at 260-571-4587.

For more information about Wabash County United Fund or ways you can be involved with United Fund, call 260-563-6726 or send an email to steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org.

The organizations who received this year's monetary awards include:

Blessings in a Backpack - Wabash

Blessings in a Backpack in Wabash provides weekend food kits for approximately 500 elementary students who qualify for free or reduced lunches at Wabash and Metro Elementary schools. Volunteers gather each week during the school year to prepare the kits for delivery to each school.

Daniel's Place

Daniel's Place provides an interactive, stimulating and safe environment that addresses the physical, emotional and social needs of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

"Daniel's Place promotes a culture of compassion, integrity, stewardship, collaboration, creativity, and joy, enabling their personnel to provide excellent service to their clients," stated Johnson.

Growing Grounds

Growing Grounds offers support to women and their families who are in transition from incarceration back into positive participation in the community.

Hands of Hope - TADA

Hands of Hope supports victims of domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking by providing them with an advocate. TADA Teens Against Domestic Abuse (TADA) encourages youth and their families to talk about the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking.

Honeywell Foundation Educational Outreach Program (EOP)

Honeywell Foundation Educational Outreach provides curriculum-based,

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Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day quickly approaching

Annual event will rekindle Pancake Eating Contest

STAFF REPORT

One of the Wabash Kiwanis Club's most important events of the year will take place next week and support from the community is needed, according to a press release.

"The local service organization is excited to host its annual Pancake Day next weekend as it serves as the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser," stated the release.

The yearly event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash.

Pancakes (with or without blueberries) will be available,



Provided photo

The winner of the pancake eating contest will walk away with this trophy.

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County renews Anthem contract

Employees' health insurance contributions to remain the same

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash County employees can expect the same deductions for their health insurance to carry over for another year at least.

At Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, Jim Dils, Wabash County coordinator and human resources director, presented the contract renewal with Anthem.

Dils said the contract renewal would be effective April 1.

"There are no significant changes in cost," he said. "There is no change in the benefit structure."

Dils said they have been able to hold employee deductions at the same rate for five of the last six years.

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Museum announces March History Hunters program

Presentation set March 10 from 6 to 7 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Vivian Deno, a faculty member of Butler University, will be presenting at the Wabash County Museum for their upcoming History Hunters event to be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 in the Crystal Gayle Theater located within the museum at 36 E. Market St., according to a press release.

To recognize the centennial of the Indiana Women's Suffrage movement and continue the collaborative programming with the Wabash Carnegie Public Library for 2020 themed around Explore Home, Deno will be sharing her talk on suffragists and "public" women, discussing the

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Maegan Pollonais will perform Songs of the Islands at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center at Manchester University.

Manchester's Pollonais to perform Songs of the Islands, celebrate Caribbean culture

Presentation set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Complex and beautiful songs are a rich reflection of Caribbean culture. Maegan Pollonais will perform Songs of the Islands at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 in the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center at Manches-

ter University.

The presentation on the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

The 12-song collection by Dominique Le Gendre resonates with Pollonais. She was born in the United States

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Indiana hospitals warn of big cuts under billing proposal

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana hospitals are pushing back against a legislative proposal that could cut how much insurance companies pay for medical services performed at offices located away from a hospital’s main campus.

Hundreds of doctors and nurses descended on the Statehouse Monday to urge lawmakers to roll back the payment limitations that have been added to a bill Republican legislative leaders see as steps toward reining in ever-growing health care costs.

The proposal would force hospitals to charge for procedures based on where they are performed, meaning the hospital would be paid less for medical services performed at a cancer center or other clinics not on its main campus.

Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor said that would squeeze the revenue stream for many hospitals by upending the contracts they now have with insurance companies.

“It would be devastating – hundreds of millions of dollars, if not more, in cuts,” Tabor said. “That would mean closing services, reduction in staff and even the closure of entire hospitals.”

The state Senate was expected to consider amendments to the legislation later Monday as lawmakers faced a deadline next week to adjourn the legislative session.

A Senate committee advanced the hospital billing proposal last week, even as legislators said they were struggling to specify what should be considered a hospital service and some senators said the possible impact on hospitals hadn’t been sufficiently reviewed.

Hospital-provided procedures will cost more because of the cost of providing services such as 24-hour emergency rooms, but procedures performed off-campus shouldn’t cost as much, said Rep. Ben Smaltz, the legislation’s sponsor.

“That bill is less because it just makes sense, the overhead is less,” said

Smaltz, a Republican from Auburn.

Many rural hospitals operate on “razor thin” operating margins and revenue cuts could force closures, putting hospital services an hour’s drive away for some patients, said Rob McClin, the president and CEO of Good Samaritan hospital in Vincennes.

Hospital officials point to some high-level services, such as cancer centers, that are deliberately placed away from hospitals to reduce the exposure of patients to potential illnesses.

Denise Dillard, the chief of advocacy for Methodist Hospitals in Gary and Merrillville, said an off-campus clinic that provides services to pregnant women could be shuttered if the legislation passes – even though it was deliberately positioned away from the hospital to make it more convenient for patients.

“It is about the patients we serve and access – making sure that they have a safe, high-quality place to go that is close to their home, not convenient to our structure,” Dillard said.

Judge: \$180,000 legal bill due after abortion law challenged

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the attorney general’s office to pay the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana more than \$180,000 in legal fees for successfully challenging the 2016 genetic abnormality abortion law enacted by now-Vice President Mike Pence.

As an incentive to challenge potentially unconstitutional statutes, federal law allows judges to require the government to pay a plaintiff’s legal fees.

U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Walton Pratt ordered a payment total of \$182,499 to the ACLU of Indiana for its legal work on behalf of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky.

Pratt blocked the Indiana law after Planned Parenthood requested a preliminary injunction arguing the law was unconstitutional and violated women’s privacy rights.

The law would have banned abortions sought because of a fetus’ genetic abnormalities, genetic diseases or physical deformities.

The federal trial court in Indianapolis, federal appeals court in Chicago, and the U.S. Supreme Court all refused to allow a key provision of the law to take effect, The Northwest Times reported.

The nation’s high court, however, did permit a separate provision of the law re-

quiring abortion providers to pay to bury or cremate any embryonic or fetal remains in their possession.

“In light of the fetal remains discovered in Illinois, we are especially grateful that the Supreme Court reversed the district court’s earlier decision that purported to invalidate Indiana’s fetal-remains law,” said Hannah Brass Greer, Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky’s chief legal counsel.

According to an analysis of state spending records by The Times, Indiana paid more than \$3 million to the ACLU between 2011 and 2020 following the group’s successful challenges to unconstitutional state laws.

ANTHEM

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The board then voted unanimously in favor of renewing the contract.

After the meeting, Dils said that while the administrative costs for the county have continued to steadily rise over time, the number of claims they have filed has remained low for the past year.

He said this allowed them to keep employee deductions steady.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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history of representation, activism and Wikipedia as vehicles for explaining the rights of women.

The talk will focus on many women who made a difference in women’s rights, like Ida Husted Harper who was instrumental in writing the first social history in the U.S., “The History of Woman Suffrage” in 1881. Beyond suffrage, Deno will also be sharing stories of activist women from

the 20th and 21st centuries, focusing on those who changed the world for women and those who continue to shape the path for women today.

History Hunters will occur from 6 to 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wabash County Museum. The programs are free and open to the public thanks to a generous sponsorship by Grandstaff Hentgen Funeral Services. Future presentations will be announced soon.

For more information, visit www.wabashmuseum.org.

UNITED FUND

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arts-in-education opportunities to students in Wabash County and beyond.

“EOP supplements arts programming in the schools and teaches students critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills that take them successfully beyond the classroom and into the real world. EOP focuses on key educational issues including college and career readiness and early childhood literacy,” stated Johnson.

Wabash County.

“WCT removes transportation barriers to community services, health care, employment, shopping, recreation and more within Wabash County,” stated Johnson.

Wabash County Cancer Society

Wabash County Cancer Society provides local cancer patients with supportive equipment, supplies assistance and transportation and prescription reimbursement.

Wabash FAME

Wabash Foundation for Art & Music in Education (FAME) fosters and perpetuates creativity through multicultural arts education.

“FAME believes in the value and power of the arts to kindle imagination, encourage thinking and enhance human development,” stated Johnson.

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Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 28–Thursday, March 5
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

The Invisible Man (R) Fri: 6:30, 9:25 Sat: 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:25 Sun: 12:50, 3:30, 6:30 Mon–Thurs: 6:30	Fantasy Island (PG13) Fri: 6:50, 9:35 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35 Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 6:50 Mon–Thurs: 6:50	The Call of the Wild (PG) Fri: 6:40, 9:15 Sat: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:15 Sun: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40 Mon–Thurs: 6:40	Sonic the Hedgehog (PG) Fri: 6:20, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20 Mon–Thurs: 6:20
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5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday Partly Cloudy 49 / 32	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 48 / 33	Thursday Partly Cloudy 51 / 34	Friday Partly Cloudy 40 / 29	Saturday Sunny 43 / 36

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:42 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:16 a.m.

Full 3/9	Last 3/16	New 3/24	First 4/1

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 49°, humidity of 61%. Southwest wind 1 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 32°. West southwest wind 6 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°. Wednesday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 48°, humidity of 59%.

Taking the first steps to a lifetime of running

DEAR DOCTOR: I’ve read that most New Year’s resolutions don’t even make it to March, and considering what happened to my plan to start running, I totally believe it. What can I do to be successful?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



D E A R R E A D E R : You’re one of the estimated one-third of Americans who decided to change something about their lives in the new year. And according to a recent survey by YouGov, your goal to start exercising is among the most popular resolutions. (Saving money, losing weight, healthy eating and lessening stress round out the top five.) But as the hundreds of self-help books published each year remind us, change is hard. Even the most disciplined person does better with a game plan.

First, it’s important to be as specific as possible about your goal, which means deciding what success will look like. Is it running a set number of days per week? Running a certain distance? Competing in a specific race? Each of these are concrete objectives in which success is recognizable. Once you’re clear about what you want, you’re ready for the next step, which is a plan for how to achieve it. The trick here is to break down the main goal into reasonable and realistic increments.

For non-runners, a great way to start is with a daily 20-minute walk. Walking is easy, you can do it anywhere and it will jump-start the habit of regular exercise. Once this becomes part of your daily life, you can begin to add a few minutes of running into your walk. Alternate running and walking and gradually – that’s an important word when it comes to achieving lasting change – work toward easing that 20-minute walk into a 20-minute run.

If that’s enough, congratulations, you made it! If you want to push further, continue with this approach. Identify your new goal, then break it down into incremental steps you know you can stick with. Track your progress, and when you hit a milestone, celebrate with a reward. Whether the process of attaining the final goal takes weeks or months or even

the entire year doesn’t matter. What’s important is that you’re taking the time to weave a new habit into your daily life.

All of which brings us to the flip side of progress, which is the inevitable slips and stalls that happen along the way. Chances are, you’ll fall off the resolution wagon at some point; it’s important to understand that you haven’t failed. If it’s a small blip, forgive yourself and return to your regular routine. If you’ve taken a sustained break and lost ground, forgive yourself and start from scratch.

Rebooting the pursuit of a goal can be a challenge, which is why being part of a like-minded community is so helpful. Whether it’s

a friend or family member, a trainer at a gym, an employer’s wellness program or a local running club, having someone to share the journey with can make a big difference. If a running club sounds good to you, the Road Runners Club of America keeps an extensive list at their website, rrca.org.

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Sandra Dean Garner Hall

April 11, 1964 – Feb. 28, 2020

Sandra Dean Garner Hall, 55, North Manchester, passed away on Friday evening Feb. 28, 2020, at her residence.

Born April 11, 1964, in Gary, Indiana, she was the daughter of Dennis Dale Bush and the former Ruby Jean Hood. On July 2, 1979, in Kewanna, Indiana, she was married to Robert Howard Hall, and he survives.

She attended Kewanna High School and was a homemaker most of her life. She loved crafting, sewing, and baking.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Hall, North Manchester; five daughters, Sandra Hall (Andy Langley), North Manchester; Edna Hall (David Fodge), Kokomo; Jessica Powers (James Bowman), Roann; Tonya (Kevin) Rasmussen, Kokomo; and Pamela (John) Rasmussen, Kokomo; thirteen grandchildren, Marissa (Owen) Turner, Dasha Hall, Isaiah Hall, Chelsea Powers, Tristen Rasmussen, Michael Powers, Alicia Rasmussen, Josh McCoy, Dylan Hall, Ayden Bowman, Leland Fodge, Dominik Fodge, and Hunter Rasmussen; father, Dennis Bush, Livingston, Tennessee; five siblings, Kathleen (Joseph) Beverly, Valparaiso; Joyce (Jim) Arnes, Sebring, Florida; Barbara Garner, Rochester; Edna (Mike) Sullivan, Williamston, North Carolina; and Clifford



(Louann) Garner, Hammond; many nieces and nephews; and former son-in-law, Matthew Powers, Lebanon.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiating. Burial in Odd Fellows, Rochester, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Tuesday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with expenses.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.

Alice Faye Kline

March 5, 1939 – Feb. 27, 2020

Alice Faye Kline, 80, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 6:36 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at her home. She was born March 5, 1939 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Arthur and Jane (Stumbo) Frasure.

Alice married Robert L. Kline in Wabash County, Indiana on June 9, 1956. She was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Wabash, and the Woman's Club House Association. Alice enjoyed home decorating, traveling, going to antique stores, and was a great story teller.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Kline of Wabash, four sons, Gary Kline of Makawao, Hawaii, Randy (Tracy) Kline and Todd Kline, both of Wabash, and



Keith (Kelly) Kline of Columbia City, 9 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Sherry Boone of Wabash, and Debbie Gulley of Roy, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Barbara Peck and Ginger Jagger.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 2, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Shawn Light officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Alice may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Betty Jean (Leeka) McCauley Fish

Feb. 29th, 2020

Betty Jean (Leeka) McCauley Fish went to her heavenly home on Feb. 29th, 2020, at the age of 80, after battling Alzheimer's disease.

Betty grew up in Wabash and later North Manchester, graduating from Manchester Central High School. In North Manchester, she married Dale McCauley and together raised their children, Curtis, Janie and Scott.

A beautician by trade, Betty operated three different beauty shops during her career. She was owner and manager of The 111 Hair Loft in North Manchester in the late 70's to early 80's.

Betty married Lloyd Fish in 1990. They lived in Fort Wayne, Gilmer, Texas, and Huntington.

Betty enjoyed creating oil paintings and other crafts for family, friends and churches. She enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters, studying her Bible and being actively involved in church communities. In her retirement, living in Huntington, Betty studied gardening and earned certification as a Master Gardener.

During the final years of her life, Betty resided in Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

She was preceded by her husband Lloyd Fish, parents William and Mary Leeka, brothers William, Byron and Charles Leeka and sis-



ters Jennifer Leeka and Barbara (Leeka) Brinson.

Betty is survived by sons Curtis McCauley, Middletown, Ohio, and Scott McCauley, Fort Wayne; Daughter Janie McCauley-Myers, Middletown, Ohio; son-in-law David McCauley-Myers; daughter-in-law Diane McCauley; granddaughters Nici Doty, Megan and Mallory McCauley; great-granddaughters Katelyna and Savannah Daniels.

Please join us to remember Betty together on Friday, March 6th, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Indiana 46992. Doors will open for a viewing at 9:30 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Joyce E. Tester

Funeral Services for Joyce E. Tester, 77, of Wabash, were 10:30 a.m., Feb. 29, 2020, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash. Father Levi Nkwocha officiated and Monica Grimm did the readings. Michael Bechtol was the organist and Tom Elshire was the cantor. Entombment was in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were Daniel L. Tester – Kyle L. Tester – Douglas J. Tester

– Darrin M. Tester – David A. Tester – Derek D. Tester – Bryce J. Tester – Peyton Tester. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Many thanks and gratitude to the staff at Parkview Randallia, Parkview Wabash, Millers Merry Manor East, Home Health Solutions, and Help at Home Incorporated, for their help in caring for Joyce the last three years. Their help gave her a better quality of life.

PENDING SERVICES

Jack A. Scott: 89, of Wabash, passed away on Feb. 27, 2020. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

Barnette Christian ‘Barney’ Wolfrum

Dec. 17, 1932 – Feb. 28, 2020

Barnette Christian ‘Barney’ Wolfrum, 87, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 at the Marion VA Hospital. He was born Dec. 17, 1932 in Wabash, to Theodore and Martha (Barnett) Wolfrum.

Barney was a 1950 graduate of Linlawn High School, and a US Army veteran serving during Korean War time. He married Marcia J. Shaffer in Laketon, Indiana on Jan. 10, 1953; she died Jan. 14, 2017. He retired from Pell's Electric in Wabash, worked at DataVue in Wabash several years, Cyclone Seeder in Urbana, Indiana, and also farmed. Barney was a life member of the Wabash Friends Church, a member of the Wabash Moose Lodge, where he served as past governor, and was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, gardening, but his real pride and joy was his family.

He is survived by three children, Doug Wolfrum of Indianapolis, Jane (Steve) Rogers of Wabash, and Joyce (Greg) Marsh of Converse, five grandchildren, Cory (Laura) Rogers of Pendleton, Chris (Stephanie) Rogers and Chelsea Rogers, both of Wabash, Nate (Whitney) Marsh of Kokomo, and Devin Marsh of Converse, seven great-grandchildren,



Carmen and Ivin Marsh of Converse, Croix and Aidric Marsh of Kokomo, Connor and Jakob Rogers of Pendleton, and Andrea Rogers of Wabash, brother, David (Julia) Wolfrum and sister, Beverly (Wayne) Sparling, both of Wabash. He was also preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Janet Wolfrum and Kathy Wolfrum.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a Pilgrim Twilight Service at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are Wabash Friends Church or Honor Flight.

The memorial guest book for Barney may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

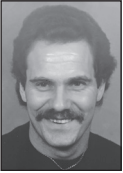
Mitchell Lee Siegfred

Oct. 15, 1958 – Feb. 27, 2020

Mitchell Lee Siegfred, 61, of Bunker Hill, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born Oct. 15, 1958 in Wabash, Indiana to William Ambrose “Bud” and Clara Ruth (Snow) Siegfred.

Mitch attended Wabash High School.

He is survived by his two brothers, John “Tim” (Vicki) Siegfred and Kris Siegfred, both of Wabash, and several nieces and neph-



ews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Pratier officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Tuesday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Mitchell may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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but grew up in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, a Caribbean nation.

“As an American musician, I learned about mostly European and American composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Rorem and Bernstein. I rarely ever got a chance to delve into music from other parts of the world. Being an Afro Caribbean woman, I thought that it was time to change that dynamic,” Pollonais said.

In 2016, the Classical Music Development Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago commissioned London-based Trinbagonian composer Le Gendre to compose art songs of the Caribbean.

“This is significant because, in the Caribbean, calypsos and folk songs are usually accompanied by guitar and band,” Pollonais said. “This is the first time we are seeing Caribbean songs with piano accompaniment where, in true art song aesthetic, the piano holds equal prominence as the vocal line.”

Assistant director of student diversity and inclusion at Manchester, Pollonais will be hooded in May with a Doctor of Arts in vocal op-

era performance at Ball State University. A mezzo-soprano, she holds a Master of Music in vocal performance from Bowling Green State University and a Bachelor of Arts, Music and Sociology, cum laude, from State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

In July 2017, the 12-song collection made its world premiere at Queens Hall, Trinidad and Tobago.

“I attended this premiere and immediately fell in love with the music,” Pollonais said. She performed the international debut of the art song cycle in 2018 at Ball State. “I was so thrilled to be able to not only perform this incredible song cycle that Le Gendre wrote but also lecture on it and teach the audience about my culture. This song cycle is unique as it follows the form of Western music aesthetic but uses elements of polyculturalism from the Caribbean region – our music, rhythms, and poetry.”

The March 26 performance and lecture is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts series at Manchester, designed to help students broaden their horizons.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Fruit, vegetable distributor to cut over 300 jobs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Fruit and vegetable distributor Caito Foods is cutting more than 300 jobs at its Indianapolis operation following the loss of a significant contract.

Caito Foods said in a federal WARN Act notification sent Thursday to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development that 333 workers would lose

their jobs with its Fresh Cut business by May, The Indianapolis Star reported.

That notice said the layoffs stem from the “recent unforeseen cancellation of a customer contract that makes up the majority of our Fresh Cut business.”

Caito Foods’ Fresh Cut business division operates out of a facility on Indianapolis’ far east side. Its

parent company, Spartan-Nash, said in a statement that the positions set to be eliminated there include directors, managers, production clerks, talent consultants and maintenance technicians.

“This difficult decision was made to support the company’s strategy to deliver locally produced fresh cut fruits and vegetables

to its independent and national account customers, as well as corporate-owned retail stores,” the company’s statement said.

The Fresh Cut layoffs would not affect Caito Foods’ produce distribution business, the company said.

In October, Caito Foods closed its Fresh Kitchen operation and laid off 53 workers.

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along with sausages and drinks.

Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults (13 years and older) and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children (ages 6-12 years). Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

“After a few years of absence, the event’s Pancake Eating Contest will return thanks to the efforts of the Club’s president-elect, Mike Keaffaber, who’s the fundraiser’s chairperson for 2020,” stated the release.

The contest is sponsored thanks to the generosity of Midwest Eye Consultants.

Keaffaber has secured several representatives from community organizations to participate in the contest, including the Wabash County YMCA, the Wabash City Fire Department, Grow Wabash County, Northfield Jr. – Sr. High School, Southwood Jr.–Sr. High School and Young Professionals of Wabash County.

The contest will commence at noon. The winner will be determined by who can consume the most amount of whole pancakes in 5 minutes.

“The winner will take home not only a themed trophy made by Paul Mirante of Wabash Engraving but also bragging rights of their accomplishment,” stated the release.

Previous winners of the

event include Brooks Flohr and current Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker.

The event allows the club to continue its many service projects in the area, including support of Key Clubs at Wabash and Northfield high schools, support of K-Kids clubs at O.J. Neighbours and Sharp Creek elementary schools, sponsorship of the Wabash County Spelling Bee, renovating local park playgrounds, continuing the Club’s fifth grade book program, supplying the Kate’s Kart book cart at Parkview Wabash Hospital and more.

Wabash Kiwanis also supports youth- and community-focused initiatives like Riley Hospital for Children, the Eagles Theatre renovation, FAME, the Honeywell Foun-

dation’s Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) and Educational Outreach programs, the Wabash County Scholarship Pageant, Founder’s Day, Wabash Area Community Theater, the Wabash High School volleyball team’s Kills for a Cure fundraiser and more.

Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

In those days John the Baptist came ... saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 3:1-2

Science is the inoculation against the coronavirus' pandemic of fear

It's the virus that's sweeping the planet. As of Thursday, COVID-19 had been confirmed in close to 50 countries. Places that had no known cases a few days ago now have hundreds, if not thousands. Japan has closed its schools. Italy has effectively sealed off the Lombardy region in the north. Saudi Arabia has suspended all travel for pilgrimages to the country's Islamic holy sites. In Canada, a man in Toronto whose wife recently travelled to Iran was named Ontario's sixth confirmed case. Each day brings new reports of outbreaks in every corner of the world: Europe, the Middle East, North America, Asia. Stock markets have plunged, as fears about travel restrictions and disrupted supply chains send investors looking for cover.

And yet, at the world teeters on the edge of a pandemic – that extremely rare occasion when a disease reaches epidemic levels in multiple regions or continents – the best thing the average person can do, other than washing their hands regularly and developing the iron discipline required to stop yourself from touching your face, is to maintain a Victorian stoicism. Keep calm and carry on, in other words.

It will be interesting to see whether we all can do this in what would be the first pandemic in the age of social-media alarmism, and the widespread dissemination of another virus: deliberate misinformation.

All of which is also happening in an era of populism, marked by a growing distrust of experts and expertise.

It is not at all reassuring, but perfectly befitting of the times, that U.S. President Donald Trump has named Vice-President Mike Pence to head his country's task force on COVID-19.

As governor of Indiana, Mr. Pence's ideological opposition to needle exchanges led to an outbreak of HIV/AIDS in that state in 2015. His record on controlling pandemics and understanding their severity is abysmal, and the judgment of his boss on the same matter is questionable. In 2018, the Trump administration fired the military official in charge of leading the White House's response to a pandemic and gutted his team without replacing it.

Canada is taking the risk more seriously because of the fact that, in 2003, Toronto was one of the main hot spots in the SARS epidemic.

Poor communication and a lack of resources and proper protocols led to the spread of the virus and contributed to the deaths of 44 people. That prompted Ottawa to create the Public Health Agency of Canada, with 2,400 employees and its own laboratory facilities.

One of the agency's chief roles is to co-ordinate the response to pandemics, test for new cases and enforce protocols that can limit the spread of a virus.

It has published regular updates online – there were 13 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada as of Thursday – and is advising Canadians on how to protect themselves.

Ottawa has been active, too. It has repatriated Canadians stranded in China and on a cruise ship under quarantine in Japan; the Public

Health Agency has overseen their quarantines on Canadian soil. And the government has increased surveillance at borders, to better identify infected travellers.

So far, so good. But the coming weeks and months will test how well the lessons of 2003 have been learned. We may also find out whether the fact-based information coming from the Public Health Agency and other government sources can compete with what people see on their social-media feeds. It doesn't take much to start a panic.

Much of Canada's success in controlling the spread of COVID-19, and the fears surrounding it, will also depend on how well other countries do the same job.

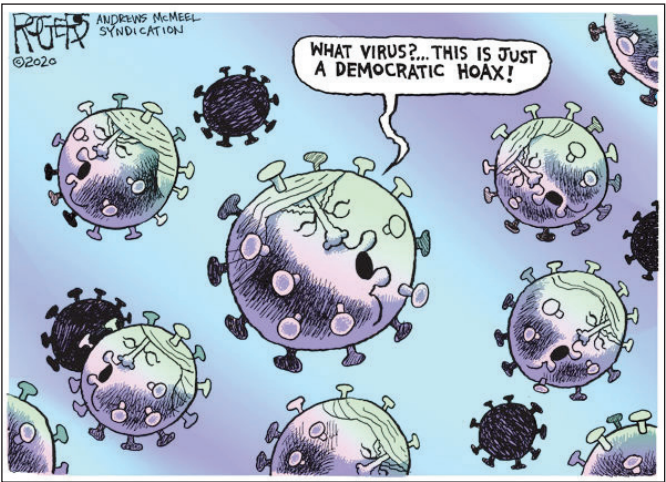
And if the current trends continue and a pandemic develops, Ottawa will have to take more action.

One situation that hasn't been discussed to date is that of workers who may not be in a position to remain home if they develop COVID-19 symptoms. Many lack the ability to give up their pay for two weeks, the recommended quarantine period. Is there a way to make such a sacrifice viable for them?

In the meantime, Canadians should indeed remain calm, wash their hands and carry on.

If the COVID-19 outbreaks bloom into a pandemic, this will be even more critical. Countries that put reason and science at the forefront of their responses will be the ones that come out the best at the other end.

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Pandemics and market effects

The recent volatility in capital markets captures some of the growing concern over Covid-19, or coronavirus. Stock markets are very poor guides to the overall economy, but that does not mean

Michael Hicks



they are wrong this time. In fact, I think they are late to the game. Much of the global economy has been slowing in recent months, and Covid-19 strikes directly at supply chains for the already struggling U.S. manufacturing industry. At the very least, the next few months will see much of the globe enter recession. With those prospects, it is useful to think about the effects of viral pandemic on our economy.

Large-scale disease has long been with us, but few Americans under 70 have meaningful memory of them. Before the polio vaccine of 1955, summer polio outbreaks closed pools and fairs and delayed school openings. Americans younger than roughly age 53 don't have smallpox vaccine scars, and mostly dodged the mumps and chicken pox, which nearly all of us older than 55 endured.

We have seasonal flu, sometimes very bad strains, but the last large-scale viral disease pandemic was the 1918-1919 Flu, which killed 685,000 Americans out of a population less than a third of the current size. The unfortunately named Spanish Flu killed four times as many Americans as did World War I, which ended in 1918. To place that experience in context, the 1918 Flu killed more Americans in one year than all the cumulative U.S. deaths from HIV/AIDS.

I understand the mathematics of epidemiology, but not the biology of the disease. There is much we don't know about Covid-19. We don't know how many people are infected but show no symptoms, or whether some populations will enjoy some immunity. This also

means we don't know what share of infections lead to disease or death. However, there are some aspects of this disease that may magnify its economic effect.

First, this disease appears to be spread by aerosol, which is another way of saying that it is long-lived. Instead of dying out quickly after leaving a human host, it survives moving through the air and on surfaces. There's even evidence it can move through water or sewage systems and re-emerge as an airborne virus.

This method of transmission means that the low-cost and easily implemented methods of breaking the chain of infection don't work well. With the common flu, schools manage to interrupt the spread of flu by closing over a long weekend. The presence of Covid-19 might mean schools, business and government offices may need to be closed for weeks. That is why Chinese officials have locked down whole provinces and are spraying disinfectant in the streets and homes.

The second big concern is the high number of severe cases. Out of those who show symptoms, one in five are severe enough that they may require hospitalization. The U.S. has fewer than 800,000 hospital beds, which means we could accommodate an infected population of perhaps 4 million persons at one time, assuming no one else got sick and the disease was evenly spread around the nation. The CDC reports that a mild flu season has some 10 million infected persons. In a bad year it is closer to 50 million.

Of course, the disease won't hit randomly, but will be intense in one place, and then move on. In reality, even a modest outbreak would swamp local hospitals and physicians. There is no Public Health Service, National Guard or Reserve forces that could field and staff even an additional 100,000 hospital beds, a fraction of what we might need. Much like what is now happening in China, much of the care will be done at home.

The short-run economic effects will be caused by the shutdown of businesses and schools in an effort to slow transmission, and by the lost productivity of workers who are sickened or die of the disease, and the time lost to care for sick family and friends.

All of this is sufficient to usher in a recession. There is no good news in a disease that will end far too many lives, but there may be less bad news for the U.S. than other places. Few Americans lived in the extremely high-density quarters common in China and Korea. Likewise, our sanitary infrastructure is more robust. These should help slow transmission.

We are far more affluent and so have more resources to deploy against the disease. While many in public health organizations will criticize our governmental response, our ace in the hole will be our large private sector. While the Trump Administration dithers in its response, businesses are jumping to fill the demand for goods and services this disease will bring.

The great lesson from natural disasters is not that prepared governments do well, but that a robust private sector is most responsive. For example, Wal-Mart had dozens of trucks with water and other supplies entering New Orleans before there was any meaningful federal response. We are just weeks, if not days, away from special sections in drug stores catering to Covid-19 risks. Our private markets will make slowing the spread and mitigating its effects far more effective here than in authoritarian China.

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Bloomberg's past workplace behavior is repellent, but is it disqualifying?

When Ginny Clark became the first woman trainee at Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street investment firm where Mike Bloomberg got his start, she entered a man's world that would horrify most young women of the #MeToo generation.

To say times were different in 1968 is an understatement. The era that birthed Bloomberg and gave rise to his self-described "Borscht Belt" jokes (as he has framed his sense of humor), allowed for insensitive punchlines, sexual innuendo – and much worse – that wouldn't be tolerated today.

Clark, with whom I spoke by phone, gives credit to the #MeToo movement for exposing and bringing to

justice people such as Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who was found guilty Monday on two counts of criminal sexual assault, including third-degree rape.

She worries, however, about unintended consequences that could be harmful to women. She noted that her male friends on Wall Street today are afraid to be alone with a woman, lest something they say or do lands them in trouble. She says some now hesitate to mentor women or even to have dinner without a third-party present. The downside may be that that women will have a harder time finding jobs.

As we traded decades-old stories from first jobs when men did all the hiring, I wondered whether women were tougher back in the day. Clark at first said yes, and then she clarified that to mean that she and her friends were by training and culture less sensitive to things that would be considered unacceptable today. Perhaps this was a function of having little choice, but Clark didn't think of her experience that way. For whatever reasons, she came to the job steeled for battle and then worked as hard as the boys.

This doesn't mean that Clark endorses coarse behavior or subscribes to the boys-will-be-boys school of rationalization, but she says she doesn't take off-color things personally. "The word bitch in a joke might offend someone today, but it doesn't offend me because it's not directed at me."

Even when something crass was directly aimed at her, she took it with the attitude of a casino card dealer working the night shift, which she did after graduating from Oklahoma University. On her first day at a subsequent job with a different firm – again as the only woman – Clark was streaked by the men, including the boss. Today, streaking might lead to a federal case. But when management investigated the prank, Clark says she shrugged it off as the price of breaking the glass ceiling in a males-only hierarchy.

"I knew what they were doing," she told me. "It was a test to see if I could handle the testosterone club." The answer, apparently, was yes. She became a trader, starting at Salomon, and she later became the first female trader at Merrill Lynch. At 76, she's still going strong as managing director at boutique firm Beech Hill.

I reached out to Clark after I heard about her from a mutual friend in the Bloomberg campaign. Clark supports Bloomberg, her former colleague, for president. She says she does not recognize the man described in recent press reports as someone who tolerated a sexist workplace and who settled cases with plaintiffs in exchange for non-disclosure agreements. The man she sat next to in 1968 – and later reported to – was 100 percent supportive, she said. "Sure, he (Bloomberg) told raunchy jokes. I told raunchy jokes," she said. "He saw me as a team member and wanted me to do well. . . I honestly don't think I would have made it if not for Mike."

Bloomberg, it should be noted, isn't accused of criminal behavior in the vein of a Weinstein or other powerful men who physically assaulted and harassed women. But it is also obvious that the campaign feels it has lost some ground since the more unpleasant details of Bloomberg's workplace behavior have surfaced.

Context is everything, we say, because it's so true. Bloomberg may have been formed by circumstances that have changed, but he too must change if he's to stay a viable candidate. To his credit, under pressure by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., he ordered an end to using non-disclosure agreements in his company to "resolve claims of sexual harassment or misconduct." And he released three former women employees who signed them under his watch. His greater challenge may be to convincingly convey that he's sincerely sorry for making some women feel uncomfortable by jokes that weren't, in fact, funny.

Whether voters are willing to overlook Bloomberg's past will be determined next week on Super Tuesday, the first time his name will appear on primary ballots. I'd rather wonder whether a brilliant businessman with rational ideas has lost in his heart than listen to the car horn of Bernie Sanders' voice promising socialist remedies to economic prosperity.

Assuming, that is, the coronavirus doesn't ruin us all.

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Business

Martin Yale announces launch of their new Dyna-Cut rotary die cutting system

Equipment was developed during two years in research and development

STAFF REPORT

Martin Yale, a leader in the design and manufacture of print finishing and paper handling equipment announced Friday, Feb. 21 the launch of the Dyna-Cut, their new rotary die cutting system, according to a press release.

After spending nearly two years in research and development, the Dyna-Cut will begin shipping out of their Wabash manufacturing facility.

“With increasing competition from imported print finishing equipment, Martin Yale is proud of the fact that our product lines are American made and to the quality standards our customers expect. While our competitors are utilizing foreign manufacturing facilities, Martin Yale’s new Dyna-cut is manufactured locally in Wabash Indiana, employs our local work force, and is able to offer value to our customers



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ers by saving them 10’s of thousands over our nearest competitor,” stated the release. “With the launch of any new product, getting a strong pulse of market demands, shortcomings and opportunities is an absolute and the new Dyna-Cut was no exception. Research and Development began back in 2017, at which point Martin

Yale quickly realized there was an opportunity in the market for a high quality, aggressively priced, made in America rotary die cutter that would spec out well against the competition and the Dyna-Cut delivers exactly that.”

For over 75 years, Martin Yale has led the industry in the designing, engineering and manufacturing of paper

handling and print finishing equipment.

“Our dealers and customers agree – working with us provides the right products at affordable prices with world-class support, guaranteed,” stated the release.

For more information, visit www.martinyale.com or call Russell Carter at 260-569-7203.

FFW Corporation announces quarterly cash dividend

STAFF REPORT

FFW Corporation, parent corporation of Crossroads Bank, has approved a quarterly cash dividend of 23 cents per share of common stock, according to a press release.

The dividend is payable March 31 to shareholders of record on March 17.

The book value of FFW Corporation stock was \$41.25 per share as of Jan. 31. The last reported trade of stock at the close of business on Feb. 25 was \$43.55 per share and the number of outstanding shares was 1,140,132 as of the same date.

On Jan. 31, the corporation had assets of \$421.3 million and shareholders’ equity of \$47.0 million. The Board of FFW Corporation and Crossroads Bank

will continue to evaluate the payment of a dividend on a quarterly basis.

Crossroads Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of FFW Corporation providing an extensive array of banking services and a wide range of investments and securities products through its main office in Wabash and five banking centers located in Columbia City, North Manchester, South Whitley, Syracuse, and Peru,” according to the release. “The bank provides leasing services at its banking centers and its Fishers leasing and commercial loan office. Insurance products are offered through an affiliated company, Insurance 1 Services, Inc. The corporation’s stock is traded on the OTC Markets under the symbol ‘FFWC.’”

For more information, visit www.crossroadsbanking.com.

Do just one thing

By DANNY SEO

When a tree falls in your yard, do you make plans to immediately clean it up? If you have the ability to leave it be, do it. A fallen tree serves as shelter for animals, and it also can be a buffet of food

for critters and wildlife. As the tree continues to decay, its nutrients are broken down and enrich the soil. And in fire-prone areas, fallen trees can act as a deterrent; the large trunk and branches are less flammable because of their density.

The coronavirus is tanking the stock market. Here’s what not to do

The spread of the coronavirus is spooking investors, and the result has been some significant drops.

By the time the markets closed last Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 1,900 points, 6.59 percent over two days, after news reports that the health scare was widening around the world – the worst two-day percentage loss in two years.

Other benchmarks – the S&P 500 and NASDAQ – also plunged amid the coronavirus-fueled volatility.

But the dives are more about people’s fears than the facts, according to certified financial planners (CFPs) and certified public accountants (CPAs) I polled. The one thing they all recommended: Don’t panic and jump completely out of the stock market – even if you’re retired.

Steven Podnos is a fee-only investment adviser based in Florida who also happens to be a critical care doctor in the Air Force Reserve.

“As a physician, the coronavirus looks no more virulent than influenza, so the impact is likely to be temporary and of little long-term concern,” he told me.

Clearly the burgeoning number of cases of coronavirus worldwide is worrisome. South Korea, Italy and Iran reported sharp increases in cases this past week. There have been more than 2,600 deaths in China, where the virus originated.

However, contrast this with the number of Americans who die each year from the flu, Podnos said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there were 34,200 deaths in the U. S. from influenza during the 2018-2019 flu season. As of Tuesday, more than 50 people in the United States have tested positive for the coronavirus.

“If you look at infec-

tions outside of China, the mortality looks very, very low,” Podnos said. “And the people who are dying tend to be the old and immuno-suppressed or otherwise sick.”

As an investor, it’s not that you shouldn’t be concerned about how the spread of the virus will impact businesses – especially those with manufacturing partners in China, considering that the country is a major player in the global economy. But resist your instinct to flee equities, echoed Lynn Ballou, a CFP in Lafayette, California.

“Right now is the time to be thoughtful and not to be driven by fear,” said Ballou. She added that it’s like when her father was teaching her to drive and cautioned that if she started to lose control of her car in bad weather, she should steer into the skid.

“I looked at him and said, ‘That sounds like the opposite thing I should be doing,’” she said. “But in fact, that’s exactly right.”

This advice may not work for newer front-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles, but the general instruction about keeping calm and steering in the direction you want to go still applies when it comes to investing.

Keep in mind what happened during the Great Recession, when many people panicked and sold all of their stock holdings, Ballou said. Those who realized later that they needed growth to keep pace with inflation had to get back into the market.

“So when did they buy back in? Did they wait until the market had already completely recovered? Basically what they did was sold low and bought high,” Ballou said.

If you’ve got decades before you plan to retire, you can afford to keep steering into stocks.

“Increase your investing amounts,” said David Holland, another Florida-based CFP. “No one should let one event or one day’s market activity dictate their overall financial, investing and retirement plans.”

OK, if you’re five to 10 years from retirement, you

may be wondering: What about me?

“Remember that just because retirement is on the horizon, doesn’t mean you should sell out of your entire portfolio during the first signs of a market downturn, as many retirees will need their portfolios to last for 20-plus years,” said Betterment CFP Corbin Blackwell of New York.

For the vast majority of clients who are less than a few decades out from retirement, California CPA Doug Radtke recommends a more conservative portfolio allocation: a 60/40 investment mix of equities and fixed-income products.

“Consider looking for recession-proof fund mixes that include stocks for businesses that succeed even in slower times – such as water utilities or certain consumer products,” Radtke said.

Retired already?

All the financial planners and CPAs suggest that you should have money set aside – three to five years’ worth of your income needs – that isn’t impacted by roller-coaster swings in the stock market.

“Fortunes are made and lost during volatile times,” said Daniel Morris, a CPA in California. “A diversified portfolio limits the gains and limits the losses in order to maintain some equitable smoothness.”

So, what’s the takeaway if you’re saving for retirement?

The stock market will do what it does – rise and fall. If you’ve got a plan based on your risk tolerance and investment horizon, don’t let fear make you swerve in the wrong direction and lose traction.

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You’re about to get some hard truth about how much your 401(k) could actually pay out in retirement

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

I used to love a certain cinnamon bun. I would buy it often when I went shopping.

That was until a change in the law required nutritional information on such food items be disclosed and I realized that there were more than 800 calories in just one of those sweet rolls. How the truth can hurt.

But it can help, too. Thanks to the 2009 Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act (CARD Act), maybe you no longer just make the minimum payment on your credit card. This law required issuers to disclose how long it would take customers to eliminate their debt if they chose to make only minimum monthly payments.

Let’s say you owe \$10,000 on a card with a 17 percent interest rate. If you continue to make the minimum payments, it will take you more than 30 years to pay off this debt. And the total interest paid will be more than \$21,000.

Disclosure, as the theory goes, helps people make better decisions. The more you know about what you’re eating or spending, the more likely you’ll think twice about consuming too many calories or racking up too much debt.

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) is bringing this theory to defined contribution plans such as 401(k)s. A new rule would require plan sponsors to provide workers with an annual disclosure showing what their monthly (and lifetime) income would be if they converted their plan savings to an annuity with a guaranteed stream of income. The law is designed not necessarily to push people into buying annuities but to illustrate how their funds will need to stretch out over their lifetime.

“It is really as important

for plans to get people thinking about income rather than just accumulation because you’re going to get much better results if you switch over to having people understand that at some point they’re replacing their paycheck,” said Dan Keady, chief financial planning strategist for TIAA.

People hear that they have to accumulate a lot of money for retirement. And, as time goes on and their 401(k) balances increase, they become overconfident that they have enough money to retire. But, Keady says, “They need to begin asking themselves: ‘What would it produce in income down the road?’”

TIAA provided an example of what someone around age 39 might see on his or her statement. Let’s say as of June last year the worker had \$87,851 saved. Based on a monthly contribution of \$420 that increases each year with inflation, and a number of other assumptions such as rate of return, at 65 the person is estimated to have a balance of \$829,150 (or \$382,585 in today’s dollars).

The hypothetical annuity payment would be \$4,586 (or \$2,116 in today’s dollars). This assumes a single life annuity with a 10-year guarantee period and 4 percent interest rate.

But what if your 401(k) account has just \$200,000 when you retire?

Keady says if such a person annuitizes \$200,000 at 65 this might produce a hypothetical payment of \$13,274 a year, or \$1,106 per month based on a 6.6 percent payout rate (including interest rate and return of principal based on life expectancy). Although, the actual annuity payment will depend on current interest rates when annuitized, he said.

The 6.6 percent income rate means that for every \$100,000 annuitized, the annualized income will be \$6,600, Keady said.

The 4 percent interest rate is used in the calculation of the annuity factor to come up with the payment amount. With a lifetime immediate annuity, which is what would be used for the illustrations under the SECURE Act, the payout rate is different from the rate of return. The actual realized return depends on how long a person lives, beyond the guarantee period.

As you can see, there are a lot of assumptions that would have to go into the lifetime income stream estimate.

The SECURE Act also dictates that there would be disclosure within the example to make sure workers understand that the calculations depend on numerous factors that can impact the estimates they are given, Keady pointed out.

The Labor Department is required to issue rules instructing plan administrators on the assumptions that will be used to estimate a lifetime income stream. The illustrations would estimate retirement benefits that might be paid as a life annuity to a retirement account holder and a survivor annuity over the life of the participant’s surviving spouse, child or dependent. The plan administrators would assume the plan participant and a spouse were the same age, and a single-life annuity would also be shown.

Done right, this new requirement could be a useful reality check. Rather than focusing just on your total balance, which could give you a false sense of financial security, this lifetime income illustration could bring clarity to how you view retirement savings. Keep in mind your money may have to last you several decades in retirement.

This might shift people’s behavior and help them realize they need to save more for retirement.

Alaska Airlines drops sponsorship of Iditarod sled dog race

By MARK THIESSEN
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska Airlines confirmed Monday it will drop its sponsorship of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, Alaska's most famous sporting event.

The Seattle-based airline, which got its start in Alaska decades ago, said in a statement that the decision to end sponsorship after this year's race was made as the company transitions to a new corporate giving strategy.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the most vocal critic of the thousand-mile sled dog race across Alaska, praised the decision.

"When dogs used in the Iditarod aren't being forced to run until their paws bleed and their bodies break down, they're chained alone in the bitter cold," PETA Executive Vice President Tracy Reiman said in a statement. "PETA and every kind person opposed to cruelty to dogs is flying high over Alaska Airlines' decision to stop sponsoring the Iditarod."

Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

PETA has pressured race sponsors for years and taken credit for companies like Wells Fargo and Jack Daniels

from dropping financial support of the race.

PETA officials have also said they met with airline representatives and conducted protests outside Alaska Airlines' headquarters.

Alaska Airlines spokesman Tim Thompson said in an email that "PETA did not play a role in our decision."

"We have been proud of our history and support of the Iditarod, especially travel for the veterinarians that are focused on the safety and health of the dog teams," Thompson said.

Donors that give to the race are listed by the Iditarod on its webpage in four different tiers, based on how much they give.

The airline appeared three years ago on the Iditarod's sponsorship page as a second tier donor, went to third tier in 2018 and was not listed last year or this year.

"We have been part of the Iditarod for more than 40 years and are proud of our sponsorship, which was focused on dog health and safety," the Alaska Airlines statement said. "

The statement added that the airline's new corporate giving strategy will have "an emphasis on creating opportunities for young people in the communities where we fly."

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — An increase in testing for the coronavirus began shedding light Monday on how the illness has spread in the United States, including among nursing home residents in one Washington state facility.

New diagnoses in several states pushed the tally of COVID-19 cases past 100, and New Hampshire reported its first case, raising the total of affected states to 11. Seattle officials announced four more deaths, bringing the total in the U.S. to six.

In Seattle, King County Executive Dow Constantine declared an emergency and said the county was buying a hotel to be used as a hospital for patients who need to be isolated. He said the facility should be available by the end of the week.

"We have moved to a new stage in the fight," he said.

Vice President Mike Pence met with the nation's governors and pledged to continue updating them by teleconference on a weekly basis. President Donald Trump met with pharmaceutical companies to talk about progress toward a vaccine.

At least two of the deaths were residents of a nursing home in Kirkland, Washing-

ton, according to King County health authorities. The nursing home cases especially troubled health care experts because of the vulnerability of sick and elderly people to the illness and existing problems in nursing facilities.

"It's going to be a disaster," said Charlene Harrington, who studies nursing homes at the University of California at San Francisco. Infection is already a huge problem in U.S. nursing homes because of a lack of nurses and training.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said its case count includes 45 infections among people who were on the Diamond Princess cruise ship, which is one more than previously reported. It also includes people who tested positive after returning from travel to outbreak areas in other parts of the world, their close contacts and infections that appear to be from community spread — people who did not travel or have known contact with other infected people.

The CDC recently broadened its guidelines for who should be tested for the new virus to include people with symptoms but without a travel history to virus hot zones.

More testing will bring more confirmed cases, experts said, but they cautioned that does not mean the virus

is gaining speed. Instead, the testing is likely to reveal a picture of the virus' spread that was previously invisible.

In Seattle, schools and one skyscraper closed, but health experts cautioned that closures can have downsides.

On Monday, the F5 technology company said it was closing its 44-story tower in downtown Seattle after learning an employee had been in contact with someone who tested positive for coronavirus. The employee tested negative, but company spokesman Rob Gruening said the tower was closed as a precaution.

More than 10 schools in the Seattle area were closed for deep cleaning over virus concerns, although the city-county public health department said it was not yet recommending school closures or cancellation of activities.

Closing schools and canceling large gatherings are what's called social distancing, the idea that distancing people will reduce spread.

The evidence for those steps is "not as strong as we would like it to be," Jennifer Nuzzo of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security cautioned Monday during a webinar.

Measures such as school closures have been used during flu outbreaks, and the new coronavirus isn't acting

exactly like flu. Moreover, they have downsides.

"Maybe it makes people more likely to stay at home. Maybe it doesn't if people re-congregate elsewhere," Nuzzo said.

Closing schools also leaves health care workers, first responders and others without child care, making it difficult for them to come to work.

Trump and members of his Cabinet met at the White House with executives of 10 pharmaceutical companies to discuss ways to speed the development of a vaccine for the coronavirus.

There are no proven treatments for COVID-19. In China, scientists have been testing a combination of HIV drugs against the new virus, as well as an experimental drug named remdesivir that was in development to fight Ebola. In the U.S., the University of Nebraska Medical Center also began testing remdesivir in some Americans who were found to have COVID-19 after being evacuated from a cruise ship in Japan.

It's not clear how quickly such studies will answer whether any of the drugs help. Many patients recover without needing any treatment. The biggest concern is how to help the fraction who become severely ill.

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lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Peace studies expert delves into 'Harry Potter,' 'The Hunger Games' in Manchester speech

Siobhán McEvoy-Levy will speak about "Entertaining Peace in Youth Cultures: From Harry Potter to The Hunger Games" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center at the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. It is free and open to the public.

Create glass-on-glass framed mosaic image inspired by nature

The multi-day classes instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5; Wednesday, March 11; Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17, at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants should plan to attend each meeting. The cost is \$60 per person. Each participant will choose one: either a bee, red-tailed hawk or box turtle for their project. All materials will be supplied. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show

The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium. The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

Wabash Marketplace announces March First Friday details

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday encourages the community to celebrate in downtown Wabash from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 6. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org, or call 260-563-0975.

Taste of Africa offered at Manchester

The African Student Association at Manchester University wants to share a Taste of Africa with a culinary exploration of the abundance of African cultures and a celebration of African society with enticing tastes, vibrant fashions, lively sounds and spectacular dancing. The event is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center. It is free and open to the public.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Richvalley Lions Club plans semi-annual Tenderloin Day

The Richvalley Lions Club has planned a semi-annual Tenderloin Day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St. Hand-breaded tenderloins, baked potato, applesauce, baked beans, pickles, bread and butter will be served. The cost is \$9 each and children ages 10 to 12 will be \$5. Carry-outs will be available, and it will be all-you-can-eat for dine-in only.

Beginner's one-day stained-glass class scheduled

A beginner's one-day stained-glass class instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$25 per participant. A red-tailed hawk feather sun catcher will be made. All materials will be supplied. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

'Thinking Big about Smaller Spaces' program set

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting Chuck Fluharty the founder, president and CEO of the Rural Policy Research Institution (RUPRI) at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March

9 in the assembly room of Timbercrest Senior Living Center, 2201 East St. There will be no charge for attendance.

Woman's Clubhouse to host March luncheon

The Woman's Clubhouse will welcome Teresa Rody, interpretive manager from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, with a program featuring live raptors, after the noon luncheon Tuesday, March 10. Reynold's Oil is sponsoring the live bird program. Make your reservations by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331, or Mary Delauter, 260-563-6613 for the lunch and program or just the program.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County's annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Film festival concludes March 12 at Manchester

Manchester University will present "Kinshasa Makambo" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12 in the Cordier Auditorium. The film is free and open to the public. The showing is part of the Tournées Film Festival, a series of six films by franco-phone directors.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parrell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Intermediate two-day stained-glass scheduled

A two-day intermediate class instructed by local stained-glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. All participants of this class must have had recent, prior stained glass cutting and smoothing experience. The cost is \$40. The project will be a bee on a coneflower. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

Adult mental Health First Aid training planned

Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa or contact Mindy Mayes by email at mayes7@purdue.edu or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

St. Trolley's Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley's Day Tour happening on March 14 are available for purchase. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley's Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser, the service organization's biggest annual fundraiser, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Bob Elrod Exhibit Hall, located just off of Gillen Avenue at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will return and will start at noon. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults (13 and older) and \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Tickets are available from Wabash Kiwanis members. Those who have questions can con-

tact Mike Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit

The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" from March 21 to May 3.

Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School during March

Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. any Monday or Wednesday during March at 191 N. Cass St. The school is enrolling grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grades. For more information call Pam Dyer at 260-563-5746.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

Celebrate Ivy Tech in Wabash at Monopoly Night

Ivy Tech Community College is hosting its 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 24 in the Parkview

Health Ballroom of Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. This event is open to the community. Guests must RSVP by April 15 to Laura Leichty by email at lleichty@ivytech.edu or by phone 260-481-2243.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com.

Manchester University to honor Steve Ford at 2020 Commencement

Manchester University will honor Steve Ford, president and chief executive officer of the Ford Meter Box, on Saturday, May 16, at both the morning and afternoon commencement exercises.

WCPL plans summer reading, 'Bash Con

'Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. 'Bash Con's theme for this year is "Imagine Your Story" and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

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Dale, Blossom compete at state finals

Both Northfield's Grant Dale and Wabash's Seth Blossom competed at the weekend's boys' swimming state finals. Blossom took 25th in the 500-yard freestyle with a personal-best of 4:48 to cap off his freshman season.

Dale, meanwhile, placed 29th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 54.86 in his return trip to the state finals.

Squires fall in overtime to Indians

Against Mississinewa at home on Friday, the Manchester boys' basketball team fell in overtime, 70-65. Kreedeen Krull finished with 22 points to lead the Squires.

Knights close season with loss

The Southwood boys' basketball fell to Bluffton on the road on Friday, 68-61. Carson Rich tallied 21 points in the loss.

Georgia Tech withdraws NCAA appeal, will miss ACC tournament

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech has withdrawn its appeal of NCAA penalties against its men's basketball program and will not lay in this month's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

The school announced Nov. 15 it would appeal a one-year ban on postseason play as well as scholarship reductions and limits on official visits. By saying Monday it would accept those penalties this year, Georgia Tech is assured of being eligible to compete in the postseason in the 2020-21 season and beyond.

Georgia Tech (15-14, 9-9 ACC) likely would have had to win the March 10-14 ACC tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina, to earn a bid to this year's NCAA tournament. Even so, the school waited as long as possible to accept the ban this year in hopes the NCAA appeal would be successful.

The NCAA ruled in September that major recruiting violations were committed by one of coach Josh Pastner's former assistants, Darryl LaBarrie, as well as one-time friend, Ron Bell. Pastner was not directly named in the NCAA's findings and was largely cleared in the school's investigation.

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Outright and outstanding

Apaches dominate Peru, capture TRC title

By **JACOB RUDE**
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PERU — Wabash boys' basketball head coach Paul Wright spent the days leading up to Friday's showdown with Peru bugging his side about their desire to share. Unlike most times coaches bring up sharing, Wright was not pleading with his team to pass the ball in this instance.

Instead, he was offering an ultimatum. Go through the motions on Friday and his side would share the Three Rivers Conference (TRC) title with Peru. Play to the level he knew they were capable of and they would make history.

The message was delivered and Wabash's response was authoritative as the Apaches left no doubt on Friday, running the Tigers off their home court for an 80-45 win and an outright TRC title for the second-straight year.

"This was huge," Wright said. "Never in school history have we won back-to-back titles. Never in school history have we been undefeated in the conference. That was a goal they set back in November. I've said this since I've been coaching that it's just nice to see guys work hard in June and, in the fall, achieve goals you know they're capable of achieving. They deserve it just because of the hard work. If they didn't work hard, it might be different. But they work hard all summer and fall and it's just awesome to see these kids achieve those two goals."

After a lackluster performance, even if ended in a win, against Eastern on Tuesday, Wright and his staff knew much more would be needed on Friday against a Peru side that entered with just one TRC loss and a 16-5 mark overall.

"I challenged them," Wright said. "Yesterday in practice I said 'We'll see how much you guys like sharing because if you go and go through the motions, don't play hard, don't go for the loose balls, you're going to share a conference title. So, it's easy to come in and just take this day off because you have it locked up but how bad do you want



Wabash's Jared Holley (30) rises up for a dunk on a fastbreak during the first half of the Apaches' game at Peru on Friday.

to share it?" I think they got tired of hearing that the last two days in practice.

"The seniors, they were talking the last two days and they didn't want to share it and I think you saw that because we had some seniors play really well tonight and they helped us keep going and get some open looks."

Wabash was dealt an advantage even before tip-off as regular starters for Peru Matthew Ross and Treyden Curtis both were ruled out, the former with illness and the latter with an injury. Extra help or not, Wabash took the situation into its own hands from the onset.

Jasper Walter kicked off the game with a three-point-er 24 seconds into the contest. While Pete Polk answered with a layup, that

would be one of only two field goals in the first quarter for Peru.

Daughtry could can a three and a pair of freebies, Elijah Vander Velden would convert a layup through a foul and Jared Holley and Bryant Boggs each scored to put the Apaches up 14-3 and force a Peru timeout with 3:04 left in the frame.

Daunte Majors came out of the break with a layup for the hosts but Vander Velden beat everyone down the court for his own layup, resulting in another Peru timeout 40 seconds later.

Holley would then begin putting his fingerprints all over the contest. First, the senior cut through a passing lane for a steal before a slam to cap off the fast break on the other end. Holley would then swat

a shot at the rim to give Wabash back possession. After an errant three-point attempt from the Apaches, Holley saved the ball from going out of bounds, finding Joe Leland for a spot-up three-pointer.

Holley capped off the run with a driving basket as Wabash ended the quarter up 23-7. The Apaches went on a 17-2 run following a free throw from Kade Townsend with strings of eight and nine unanswered points.

Wabash only continued building its lead in the second quarter. Six unanswered points with baskets from Kallen Kelsheimer, Dereck Vogel and Holley pushed the advantage to 29-9. Peru eventually righted

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Norse fall to Oak Hill in regular season finale

By **KEVIN HELFRICH**
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CONVERSE — A lot can be learned about a team by its seniors.

For the Oak Hill boys' basketball team, the script couldn't have been written any better for their final regular season game.

Seniors Tahj Johnson and Ryan Pederson fueled the Golden Eagles to a resounding 65-46 victory over Northfield on Friday evening.

"The entire last half of the season, Tahj and Ryan have been a big part of our success," said Oak Hill coach Kevin Renbarger.

"Obviously we are getting help from other folks, but the emergence of Ryan Pederson, both on the offensive and defensive end have been a big part of that. Tahj has stepped up as a consistent scorer with the confidence he has had."

The duo combined for 30 points in the first half, missing just one shot each, and it staked Oak Hill to a comfortable 39-23 half-time cushion.

Known for his all-state prowess on the track, Johnson flourished into the team's leading scorer this season. The 6-foot guard scored the Golden Eagles' final 12 points, covering

the last four minutes and 15 seconds of the second quarter and did it in a variety of ways. From back door lay-ins, to free throw line jumpers and one unforgettable steal at mid-court that turned into a one-hand jam, bringing the Eagle faithful to their feet.

"Every time I steal the ball, especially at home, I'm thinking dunk," Johnson admitted. "Trying to get all the momentum going our way."

Pederson, who blossomed into a starter mid-way through the season, went on to post career highs with 13 points and 14 rebounds, while swat-

ting three shots.

"I'm just sorry that he is kind of emerging as we are winding down games in his senior year," Renbarger reflected. "It has been better late than never in regard to him. Where he really helps us is on the defensive end. He has a really soft touch on the offensive end."

Pederson connected 4-of-8 field goal attempts and 5-of-6 from the free throw stripe.

"It was just really cool, because I've been with the team for so long," Pederson said. "Just putting my head down and actually

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Dosunmu scores 17 as Illini hold off Hoosiers 67-66

By **TERRY TOWER**
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ayo Dosunmu is becoming legendary at Illinois for his hustle, talent and an intangible yet reliable ability to take over a game and win it in the final seconds.

On Sunday, the sophomore guard (and possibly NBA hopeful either this year or next) added another chapter, scoring a game-high 17 points, including a key 3-pointer down the stretch, to lead Illinois over Indiana 67-66.

"He's amazing," said Illinois coach Brad Underwood. "I'm blessed to have guys like Ayo and Kofi (Cockburn). Ayo did that in high school. He's confident and a winner, period."

Dosunmu hit the 3-pointer with 1:28 left to put Illinois (20-9, 12-6 Big Ten) up 65-60. Rob Phinisee then hit a 3-pointer with 1:14 left to pull Indiana (18-11, 8-10) to within two points.

Following a missed Illinois free throw by Da'Monte Williams, Andres Feliz ripped the ball away from Phinisee and called a timeout for Illinois with 13 seconds left.

Dosunmu was fouled intentionally and hit both free throws to make the score 67-63. Phinisee hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Hoosiers to make the final score 67-66.

"I'm pretty confident and I put the work in," Dosunmu said. "So when the time comes, I can take the right shot."

Feliz scored 15 for Illinois and Kofi Cockburn added 15 points and six blocked shots.

Aljami Durham led Indiana with 13 points. Trayce Jackson-Davis had 12 points and 12 rebounds, Devonte Green added 11 points and Phinisee 10.

It was a physical and close game from the opening tip. Indiana's largest lead was five points, while Illinois' was seven. The Illini needed runs of 7-0 and 9-0 in the second half to pull ahead.

The score was tied 36-36 at the half.

"That was a good win for Illinois," said Indiana coach Archie Miller. "I have to give our guys credit, too, for playing hard and giving us a chance to win it at the end."

Underwood saw much he liked going into the final week of the regular season.

"That was a great Big Ten basketball game," he said. "It's March now. You get beat, you go home. This right here is why you work and sweat so much back in July. To get to this point makes it all worthwhile."

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: The Hoosiers have dropped two straight and dropped into a tie for 10th.

Illinois: The Illini needed

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Sarr, Wake Forest deal blow to Irish NCAA hopes

By **J.D. BRASIER**
Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Another day, another career-high scoring day for Wake Forest 7-footer Olivier Sarr.

The 7-foot Sarr scored 30 points, making 12 of 16 shots, and grabbed 17 rebounds Saturday afternoon for the Demon Deacons (13-15, 6-12 ACC), who pulled away late for an 84-73 victory over Notre Dame, dealing a significant blow to the Fighting Irish's

NCAA Tournament hopes.

With a 10-0 run down the stretch, the Deacons won despite squandering a 16-point, first-half lead.

On Wednesday, Sarr scored a then-career-high 25 points in Wake's double-overtime victory over No. 7 Duke. Against Notre Dame (18-11, 9-9), Sarr outdueled 6-9 Irish forward John Mooney, who scored 24 points with 17 rebounds, but made only 10 of 22 shots from the field.

Sarr made a variety of shots — turnaround jumpers, hooks,

tip-ins and dunks — as Notre Dame failed to deny him the ball. Mooney and 6-10 Juwan Durham often played behind Sarr and were unable to slow him down.

Sarr was also 6-for-7 from the foul line.

"We had no answer for the big fella tonight," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said of Sarr. "Our senior big guys couldn't guard him."

"I don't know why they kept playing behind (Sarr)," said Wake guard Chaundee Brown, who scored 15 points

and grabbed 10 rebounds. "We just kept feeding him."

Sarr has made a habit of playing well against the Irish. Last year, he scored what was then a career-high 14 in a Wake victory at Notre Dame.

"I consider Mooney to be one of the best big men. He's one of the guys I look up to," Sarr said. "As a competitor, it's great to have a matchup against him."

After a hot start with eight quick points, Mooney cooled off from the field. But he had 14 points in the second half,

including a dunk that gave the Irish their final lead with 6:52 left, and a 3-pointer that cut the Wake lead to 70-68 with 3:33 to play.

"I really enjoyed watching the two big guys play," said Wake coach Danny Manning, the star big man on Kansas' 1988 NCAA championship team. "(Sarr) is really starting to hit his comfort zone."

Brown hit a key 3-pointer to snap Notre Dame's 11-0 run early in the second half.

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SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

How Indiana High School Basketball Ranked Teams Fared
Class 4A
1. Bloomington South (23-0) beat Northview 69-42.
2. Lawrence North (22-2) beat Indpls. Howe 75-24, lost to Hamilton Southeastern 49-51.
3. Lawrence Central (22-2) beat Southport 69-40.
4. Munster (21-1) beat Hammond Clark 75-29, beat LaPorte 73-39.
5. Chesterton (21-2) beat Gary West 67-53.
6. Culver Academy (16-4) beat Bowman Academy 68-35.
7. Lafayette Jeff (21-4) beat Terre Haute North 83-42.
8. Indianapolis Attucks (18-5) lost Carmel 52-75.
9. Hamilton Southeastern (17-5) beat Lawrence North 51-49.
10. Brownsburg (18-4) beat Center Grove 51-46.

Class 3A
1. Silver Creek (22-2) beat Seymour 69-53.
2. Danville (19-4) lost to Decatur Central 65-68, lost to Avon 73-89.
3. Heritage Hills (20-3) beat Princeton 74-57, beat Perry Central 75-38.
4. Norwell (20-2) lost to Homestead 34-51.
5. Greensburg (21-2) beat East Central 77-65.
6. Mishawaka Marian (18-4) beat Michigan City 58-47, beat South Bend Washington 60-47.
7. S. Bend St. Joseph's (17-5) beat Plymouth 94-58, beat Mishawaka 58-46.
8. Delta (18-4) beat Greenfield-Central 43-33, beat Muncie Burris 75-36.
9. Ev. Bosse (17-6) beat Mt. Vernon (Posey) 90-30, beat Ev. Reitz 71-70.
10. Sullivan (21-3) beat N. Central (Farmersburg) 69-53, beat S. Vermillion 64-57.

Class 2A
1. Shenandoah (20-2) beat Randolph Southern 73-36, beat Wagahani 74-48.
2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (20-3) beat Ft. Wayne Northrop 70-59.
3. Linton-Stockton (22-2) beat West Vigo 60-50.
4. Westview (20-3) beat Fremont 62-40, beat Concord 76-47.
5. University (20-4) beat Irvington Prep 55-30, beat Indpls. Chataud 59-50.
6. S. Decatur (21-2) beat Knightstown 109-47.
7. Parke Heritage (20-3) beat Southmont 62-45.
8. Central Noble (20-4) beat Lakewood Park 70-50, beat Fairfield 42-39.
9. Paoli (18-5) los to N. Harrison 51-62, lost to Crawford County 30-50.
10. Prairie Hts. (18-5) beat Heritage 55-38, beat hamilton 73-39.

Class 1A
1. Barr-REEVE (22-1) beat Bloomfield 63-42.
2. Gary 21st Century (20-3) beat River Forest 84-48.
3. Greenwood Christian (22-1) idle.
4. Kouts (21-2) beat River Forest 93-57, beat LaCrosse 92-45.
5. Lafayette Catholic (19-4) beat Lewis Cass 64-50.
6. Loogootee (18-5) beat N. Knox 61-31.
7. N. Daviess (15-8) lost to Jasper 42-58.
8. Covington (17-6) beat Crawfordsville 75-38 OT.
9. Providence Cristo Rey (18-4) beat Inpls. Ritter 68-54.
10. Christian Academy (16-7) beat Charles-town 73-34.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Mar. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (64)	26-3	1600	1
2. Gonzaga	29-2	1514	3
3. Dayton	27-2	1453	4
4. Baylor	25-3	1395	2
5. San Diego St.	28-1	1375	5
6. Kentucky	24-5	1253	8
7. Florida St.	24-5	1164	6
8. Seton Hall	21-7	1145	13
9. Maryland	23-6	1040	9
10. Louisville	24-6	947	11
11. Creighton	22-7	842	10
12. Duke	23-6	812	7
13. Oregon	22-7	802	14
14. Villanova	22-7	779	12
15. BYU	24-7	756	17
16. Michigan St.	20-9	726	24
17. Auburn	24-5	575	15
18. Iowa	20-9	492	18
19. Ohio St.	20-9	489	23
20. Penn St.	21-8	367	16
21. Houston	22-7	265	25
22. Virginia	21-7	219	-
23. Illinois	19-9	208	-
24. Wisconsin	20-10	179	-
25. Wisconsin	18-11	94	19
Others receiving votes: Butler 68, UCLA 54, Stephen F Austin 47, ETSU 31, West Virginia 22, Providence 17, Colorado 13, Marquette 12, Arizona 9, Texas Tech 9, N Iowa 4, Oklahoma 4, Stanford 4, Arizona St 4, Wichita St. 2, Saint Mary's (Cal) 2, LSU 2, New Mexico St. 2, Southern Cal 1, Belmont 1, Vermont 1.			

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	15	4	.789	24	6	.800
Florida St.	14	4	.778	24	5	.828
Duke	13	5	.722	23	6	.793
Virginia	13	5	.722	21	7	.750
NC State	9	9	.500	18	11	.621
Notre Dame	9	9	.500	18	11	.621
Syracuse	9	9	.500	16	13	.552
Clemson	9	9	.500	15	13	.536
Georgia Tech	9	9	.500	15	14	.517
Boston College	7	11	.389	13	16	.448
Virginia Tech	6	12	.333	15	14	.517
Miami	6	12	.333	14	14	.500
Wake Forest	6	12	.333	13	15	.464
Pittsburgh	6	13	.316	15	15	.500
North Carolina	5	13	.278	12	17	.414
Sunday's Games						
Louisville 68, Virginia Tech 52						
Monday's Game						
NC State at Duke						
Today's Games						
Syracuse at Boston College, 7 p.m.						
Wake Forest at North Carolina, 7 p.m.						
Wednesday's Games						
Clemson at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.						
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 9 p.m.						
Virginia at Miami, 9 p.m.						
Florida St. at Notre Dame, 9 p.m.						

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	13	3	.813	21	7	.750
Creighton	11	5	.688	22	7	.759
Villanova	11	5	.688	22	7	.759
Providence	10	6	.625	17	12	.586
Butler	8	8	.500	20	9	.690
Xavier	8	8	.500	19	10	.655
Marquette	8	8	.500	18	10	.643
Georgetown	5	11	.313	15	14	.517
St. John's	4	12	.250	15	14	.517
DePaul	2	14	.125	14	15	.483

Sunday's Games					
St. John's 91, Creighton 71					
Today's Games					
Xavier 66, Georgetown 63					
Wednesday's Games					
Xavier at Providence, 6:30 p.m.					
St. John's at Butler, 7 p.m.					
Georgetown at Creighton, 8:30 p.m.					
Villanova at Seton Hall, 8:30 p.m.					

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	13	5	722	23	6	793
Illinois	12	6	667	20	9	680
Michigan St.	12	6	667	20	9	690
Wisconsin	12	6	667	19	10	655
Penn St.	11	7	611	21	8	724
Iowa	11	7	611	20	9	690
Ohio St.	10	8	556	20	9	690
Michigan	9	9	500	18	11	621
Rutgers	9	9	500	18	11	621
Indiana	8	10	444	18	11	621
Purdue	8	10	444	15	14	517
Minnesota	7	11	389	13	15	464
Northwestern	2	16	111	7	21	250
Nebraska	2	16	111	7	22	241

Sunday's Games					
Illinois 67, Indiana 66					
Ohio St. 77, Michigan 63					
Northwestern 81, Nebraska 76, OT					
Wisconsin 71, Minnesota 69					
Today's Games					
Michigan St. at Penn St., 7 p.m.					
Maryland at Rutgers, 7 p.m.					
Purdue at Iowa, 9 p.m.					
Wednesday's Games					
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.					
Northwestern at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.					

COLLEGE BASEBALL		1 p.m.
ACCN — North Carolina (Greensboro) at North Carolina		ESPN — Spring Training: Boston vs. NY Yankees, Tampa, Fla.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)		NBA BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.		7:30 p.m.
SECN — Mississippi State at South Carolina		TNT — Brooklyn at Boston
7 p.m.		10 p.m.
ACCN — Wake Forest at North Carolina		TNT — Philadelphia at Los Angeles Lakers
BTN — Maryland at Rutgers		NHL HOCKEY
ESPN — Michigan State at Penn State		7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Syracuse at Boston College		NBCSN — Boston at Tampa Bay
ESPN — Cincinnati at South Florida		SOCCER (MEN'S)
6:30 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
CBSNN — Ohio at Akron		ESPN — DFB-Pokal: Bayern Munich at Schalke 04, Quarterfinal
FS1 — Marquette at DePaul		TENNIS
8:30 p.m.		11 a.m.
SECN — Vanderbilt at Alabama		TENNIS — WTA: Lyon-WTA, Monterrey-WTA
9 p.m.		3 p.m.
BTN — Purdue at Iowa		TENNIS — WTA: Abierto GNP Seguros, Early Rounds
ESPN — Tennessee at Kentucky		8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Texas at Oklahoma		TENNIS — WTA: Abierto GNP Seguros, Early Rounds
ESPN — West Virginia at Iowa State		6 a.m. (Wednesday)
MLB BASEBALL		TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Open G8me Sens, Early Rounds

Sunday's result	
ILLINOIS 67, INDIANA 66	
INDIANA (18-11)	
Brunk 1-1 0-0 2, Jackson-Davis 5-9 2-4 12, Smith 4-8 0-0 8, Durham 3-6 5-5 13, Phinisee 4-13 0-0 10, Thompson 1-3 0-0 2, Hunter 2-5 0-0 6, Green 3-11 3-3 11, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Franklin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 10-12 66.	
ILLINOIS (20-9)	
Cockburn 4-6 7-10 15, Dosunmu 6-15 4-6 17, Feliz 6-11 2-3 15, Frazier 0-4 2-2 2, Williams 2-5 2-3 7, Bezhaniashvili 3-5 0-0 6, Griffin 2-6 0-0 5, Nichols 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-52 17-24 67.	
Halftime—36-36. 3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-16 (Durham 2-3, Green 2-4, Hunter 2-4, Phinisee 2-4, Smith 0-1), Illinois 4-12 (Dosunmu 1-2, Feliz 1-2, Williams 1-2, Griffin 4-4, Frazier 0-2). Rebounds—Indiana 34 (Jackson-Davis 12), Illinois 28 (Feliz 7). Assists—Indiana 12 (Green 3), Illinois 9 (Feliz 4). Total Fouls—Indiana 19, Illinois 16. A—15,544 (15,500).	
Saturday's results	
WAKE FOREST 84, NOTRE DAME 73	
NOTRE DAME (18-11)	
Durham 1-4 1-2 3, Mooney 10-22 2-5 24, Gibbs 4-11 2-3 11, Hubb 4-10 0-0 9, Pflueger 0-1 1-2 1, Laszewski 4-10 6-8 15, Goodwin 3-7 3-4 10, Djogo 0-0 0-0 0, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-65 15-24 73.	
WAKE FOREST (13-15)	
Mucius 4-11 0-0 8, Sarr 12-16 6-7 30, Brown 4-0 5-6 15, Childress 4-7 3-4 14, White 1-6 4-4 7, Neath 1-4 2-2 4, Massoud 1-2 0-0 3, Oguama 0-2 3-4 3, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-58 23-27 84.	
Halftime—Wake Forest 41-30. 3-Point Goals—Notre Dame 6-22 (Mooney 2-6, Goodwin 1-3, Hubb 1-3, Gibbs 1-4, Laszewski 1-5, Pflueger 0-1), Wake Forest 7-15 (Childress 3-5, Brown 2-4, Massoud 1-1, White 1-5). Rebounds—Notre Dame 30 (Mooney 17), Wake Forest 41 (Sarr 17). Assists—Notre Dame 13 (Hubb 4), Wake Forest 18 (Childress 6). Total Fouls—Notre Dame 20, Wake Forest 16. A—8,870 (14,665).	
BUTLER 60, DEPAUL 42	
DEPAUL (14-15)	
Butz 2-8 0-0 4, Hall 2-7 1-2 5, Weems 3-6 0-0 7, Coleman-Lands 2-8 2-2 6, Moore 3-12 2-3 8, Lopez 1-2 0-0 2, Ongenda 4-5 0-1 8, Cameron 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 18-54 5-8 42.	
BUTLER (20-9)	
Golden 2-5 0-0 4, McDermott 4-12 2-2 13, Nze 4-9 0-0 8, Baldwin 4-13 1-1 9, Thompson 3-4 2-4 8, Tucker 4-10 1-1 13, Baddeley 2-5 0-0 5, Mulloy 0-1 0-0 0, Hastings 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-59 6-8 60.	
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1. South Carolina (27)	29-1 747 1
2. Baylor (2)	27-1 713 2
3. Oregon (1)	28-2 700 3
4. Louisville	27-3 641 5
5. UConn	25-3 618 6
6. Maryland	25-4 615 7
7. Stanford	25-5 550 4
8. UCLA	25-4 541 9
9. Mississippi St.	25-5 489 10
10. NC State	25-4 459 8
11. Northwestern	26-3 450 14
12. Gonzaga	28-2 447 11
13. Arizona	23-6 372 13
14. Oregon St.	22-8 331 17
15. Texas A&M	22-7 293 12
16. Kentucky	21-7 259 15
17. South Dakota	27-2 254 20
18. DePaul	25-5 247 16
19. Iowa	23-6 232 18
20. Indiana	23-7 211 22
21. Princeton	24-1 153 23
22. Florida St.	22-7 142 19
23. Missouri St.	24-4 104 21
24. Arizona St.	20-10 75 24
25. Arkansas	22-7 44 -
Others receiving votes: Duke 16, Rutgers 10, Old Dominion 7, Cent Michigan 7, TCU 6, Virginia Tech 4, Marquette 4, James Madison 2, Tennessee 2, Texas 2, LSU 2, Florida Gulf Coast 1.	

NBA				
NOTRE DAME (18-11)				
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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	18	.700	
Phil.	41	18	.695	½
Brooklyn	37	24	.607	1½
New York	26	33	.441	15½
	18	42	.300	24½
Southeast Division				
Miami	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	38	22	.633	
Washington	27	33	.450	11
Charlotte	22	37	.373	15½
Atlanta	21	39	.350	17
	19	43	.306	20
Central Division				
x-Milwaukee	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	52	8	.867	
Chicago	36	24	.600	16
Detroit	20	40	.333	32
Cleveland	17	42	.323	33
	20	43	.283	35
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	39	20	.661	
Mempis	27	24	.607	3
New Orleans	39	21	.483	10½
San Antonio	26	34	.433	13½
	25	33	.431	13½
Northwest Division				
Denver	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	41	19	.683	
Oklahoma City	37	22	.627	3½
Portland	37	23	.617	4
Minnesota	26	35	.426	15½
	17	42	.288	23½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	46	13	.780	
Sacramento	41	19	.683	5½
Phoenix	26	34	.433	20½
Golden State	24	37	.393	23
x-clinched playoff spot	13	48	.213	34
Sunday's Games				

‘Friends’ refuse to leave teen’s home when asked

DEAR ABBY: On a recent Saturday afternoon, two of my daughter’s 13-year-old friends came to our house. My daughter answered the door, and after being denied access, both pushed their way in. During their stay, the girls were rude and disrespectful, going through the refrigerator and pantry and helping themselves to whatever they wished. My wife and daughter repeatedly asked them to leave, but the girls laughed and ignored the requests. What do you suggest in an event such as this without getting physical, as my wife didn’t have their parents’ phone numbers? (I was away on a work trip during all of this.) – Disrespected In Our Home

Dear Abby



DEAR DISRESPECTED: These are “friends”? Your wife should have done what anyone should do when unwanted intruders burst into one’s home. She should have called the police, had the girls removed and filed a formal complaint. She should also have reported the incident to the school, gotten the parents’ phone numbers and informed them about what occurred so it doesn’t happen to her and your daughter or some other family again. And by the way, your daughter should be taught to never open the door unless she WANTS to let someone in.

DEAR ABBY: I have managed to tangle myself in a sticky situation. Two close friends of mine have asked me to be a bridesmaid in their weddings. When “Maya,” who has been a huge support system for me the past two years through nursing school, informed me that she would ask me to be a bridesmaid as soon as her “gift” for me came in the mail, I yelped with excitement. However, my childhood friends “Lily” and “Byron” are engaged and have formally asked me to be a bridesmaid in their wedding on the SAME DAY that Maya said she would ask me to be in HER wedding.

Unfortunately, I forgot that Maya’s date was the same as Lily’s, and I told both of these close friends I would stand beside them on their wedding day. How do I decide whose wedding to attend? – Desperate Bridesmaid In Virginia

DEAR BRIDESMAID: Yes, you ARE in a pickle. Now you must decide who you REALLY want to be with. Frankly, from what you have written, it seems you are more excited about Maya’s nuptials than Lily and Byron’s. Technically, you accepted Maya’s “almost invitation” before you were invited by Lily and Byron. But you’re on your own in determining to whom you’re more comfortable giving your regrets and apologies.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of three years got mad at me and destroyed all my late mother’s vintage jewelry. It had been in the family for 70 years. He apologized when I returned home, but I don’t think he is sincere. What should I do? – Stolen Memories In California

DEAR STOLEN MEMORIES: Your boyfriend appears to have serious anger management problems. What you should do is realize that the longer you two are together, the greater the chances of him damaging not only more of your property, but also even you. Continue this relationship ONLY if he starts anger management classes. If he refuses, end the romance.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Scoot along

4 Immediately

8 Mammoth entrapper

11 Pale brown

13 Broad bean

14 Wildebeest

15 Twelve, maybe

16 Sluggish

17 Swing voter (abbr.)

18 At a discount (2 wds.)

20 Friday’s creator

22 Ms. Arthur

23 Turn sharply

24 Modesto vintner

27 Nulls

30 Old barge canal

31 Wind burst

32 Shaggy flower

34 Fannie —

35 Knew somehow

36 Costa —

37 Agency

39 Promises

40 Make a mistake

41 Admin. head

42 Question

45 Novel ending

49 Resistance unit

50 Annoys

53 Cook in the microwave

54 Tear apart

55 Wall Street stats

56 Joie de vivre

57 Oct. and Nov.

58 Parrot

59 Strong alkali

DOWN

1 Stoic founder

2 Click-on item

3 Votes in favor

4 Wouldn’t hurt —

5 — Paulo

6 Dow Jones fig.

7 Ore (2 wds.)

8 Happy hour letters

9 Part of A.D.

10 Lacking elegance

12 Lacking the means

19 Mr. Tolstoy

21 Self-image

23 Vitality

24 Garnet or ruby

25 Middle Easterner

26 Stead

27 Bantu language

28 Throw off heat

29 Of that kind

31 Power train part

33 More, to Pedro

35 Rich and loamy

36 Canyon

38 Gray-clad soldier

39 Caveman Alley —

41 Fresco base

42 Frosh’s digs

43 Lima locale

44 Out callers

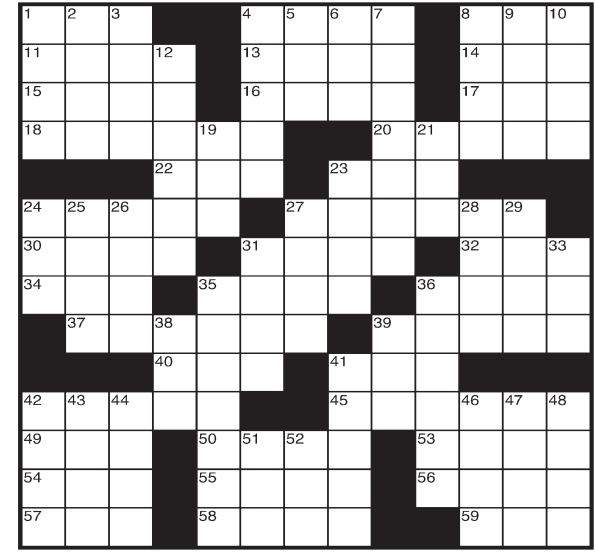
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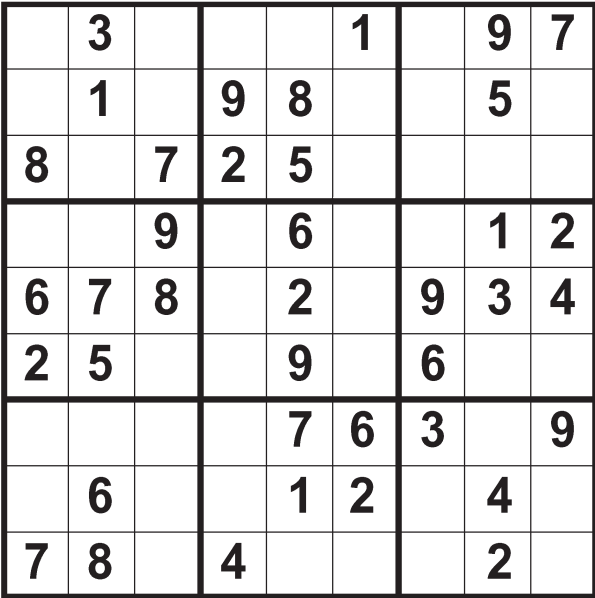
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JUMBLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



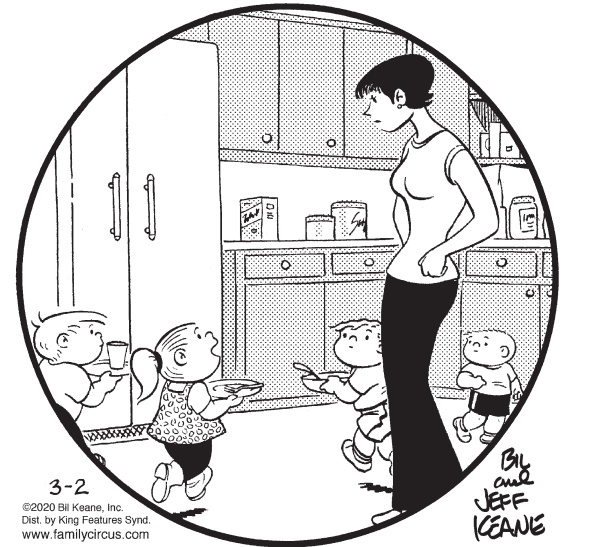
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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: SUITE MADLY LETTER JALOPI
Answer: When offered a chance to go skydiving on Leap Day, they — JUMPED AT IT

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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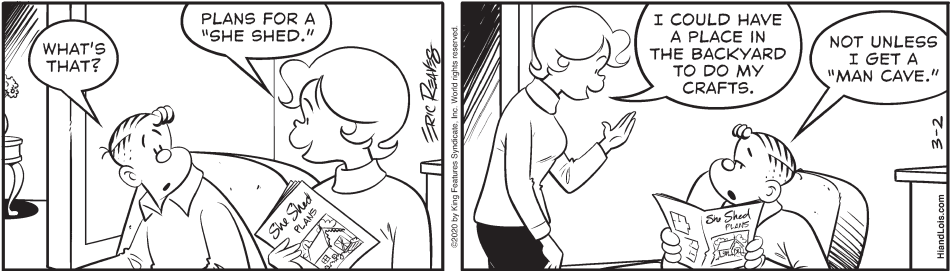
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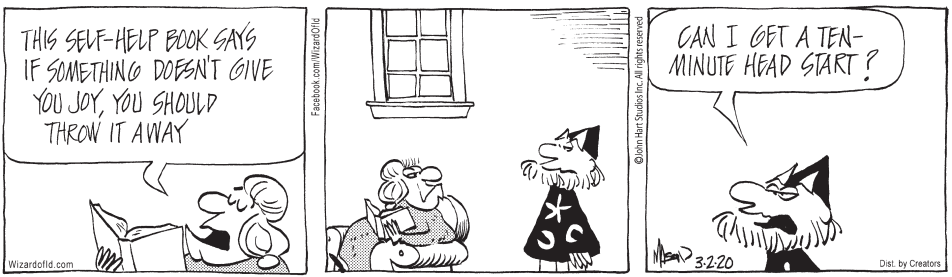
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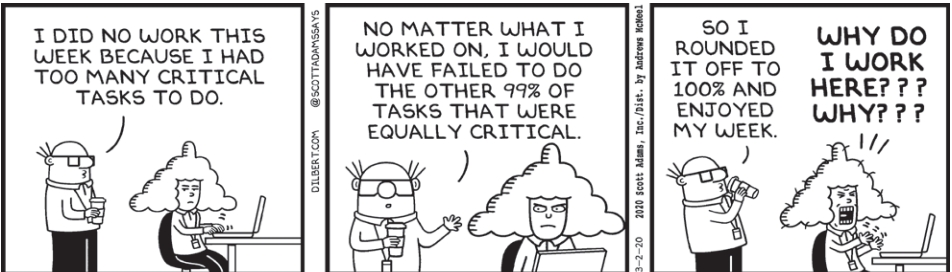
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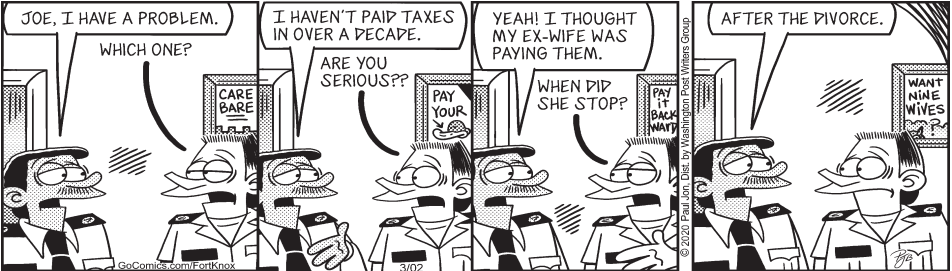
DILBERT



GARFIELD



FORT KNOX



PICKLES



To be born again means to be transformed

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: What does it mean to be “born again”? – S.A.

A: Jesus said, “You must be born again” (John 3:7).

It’s an age-old question that an upstanding and scholarly teacher in Israel asked Jesus. He couldn’t understand how a person can enter the womb and be born “again.” It means to be transformed, to have a new beginning. It is not just a remodeling job. Today we hear a lot about recycling, reconstruction, and reshaping. We renovate houses, spend millions of dollars every year on health spas, beauty resorts, and cosmetics, all by people hoping to reshape their faces or renew their bodies.

In like manner, people frantically pursue all sorts of promised cures for the renew-

al of their inner lives. Some people seek the help of psychiatrists. Others search for spiritual renewal in exotic oriental religions or processes of inward meditation. Still others seek inner peace and renewal in drugs or alcohol. Whatever the path, however, they eventually come to a dead end. Why? Because man cannot renew himself. God created us and only He can re-create us. Only God can give us the new birth we so desperately want and need.

There are many consciously searching to fill a void in

life; to find a purpose for living. When we say “Yes” to Christ, and receive His forgiveness for sin through His gift of salvation, we embark on a whole new path in life under His control. The central truth of the new birth is clear: Mankind apart from God is spiritually dead and needs to be born again. Only by God’s grace through faith in Christ can this new birth take place. “For by grace you [are] saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“RIS DOCL RICLE RIOR PVN IOWS RV
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JS LCFS RV SWSBPVLS OLX OTZOPH
HDCTS.” — SX HISSBOL

Previous Solution: “I’m lucky. I always wanted to be an actor. But I never felt the need to be in with the crowd.” — Luke Perry

TODAY’S CLUE: C = 3, S = 1, H = 4, I = 2, L = 5, O = 6, D = 7, R = 8, E = 9, A = 10, N = 11, T = 12, M = 13, P = 14, Q = 15, U = 16, V = 17, W = 18, X = 19, Y = 20, Z = 21

Teen sexual assault victim seeks closure after 50 years

DEAR ABBY: Fifty years ago, at the age of 17, I was raped by a high school classmate. At the time, I was living in an apartment with a friend, “Becky.” She and three male classmates witnessed the attack, stood by and did nothing. (They were drunk.)

Dear Abby



I never reported the assault because I was scared, embarrassed and ashamed. No one ever spoke about it, and Becky and I went our separate ways. I eventually married, moved away from my hometown and tried to put the incident behind me.

Fifteen years ago, I moved back and married a local man. I see all those people frequently around town, which reminds me of that terrible night. I don’t think it’s fair that I have had to live with this for 50 years while the others appear to have forgotten and gone on their merry way. None of them ever apologized or acknowledged their part in the attack. I remember it as vividly as if it were last week.

I would like to confront those involved. A friend suggested I privately confront my attacker. I believe calling out these people will give me peace of mind. My husband and I are planning to move out of the area, so I will never have to see any of them again. Should I confront all of them or just my attacker? Or should I let sleeping dogs lie? — Assaulted In Idaho

DEAR ASSAULTED: Before deciding whether to confront these people after 50 years or let sleeping dogs lie, what I think you should do is discuss what happened with a licensed therapist, specifically one who works with patients who have PTSD. Whereas a half-century ago there was a tendency to blame the victims of sexual assault, we have come a long way since then, and help is available for you if you’re willing to get it.

A way to find help in making this important decision would be to contact RAINN (rainn.org). The toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673. RAINN is the free, confidential national sexual assault hotline, and it’s available 24/7.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a beautiful 77-year-old woman in excellent health who has fun traveling internationally. I will soon be taking my oldest daughter to Europe at my expense because I want a companion.

I’m 19 years older than she is. She also is in great health and has a fun-loving personality. We look like sisters and have fun together wherever we go. However, I don’t want her to call me “Mom” while we are out in public places. Can I ask her not to call me that?

She is stubborn and always has been, but I love her and want her around while I’m traveling, rather than friends. She’s single, but I’m not. My husband can’t go because of health issues.

I need my daughter to go with me. Can you give me some ideas on how to approach her to not call me “Mom” in public? What if she refuses to go with me? — One Stipulation In The South

DEAR STIPULATION: I can’t help but wonder why not being called “Mom” is so important to you. I have read your letter several times, and I’m struck by the fact that it’s all about YOU and what YOU want. Your daughter is long past 21, and I’m sure she can make her own decisions. You can ask her not to call you “Mom,” but whether she will agree and won’t forget to not address you that way is anyone’s guess. Old habits die hard.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Ticked off
- 4 Tempe inst.
- 7 Huffed and puffed
- 11 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 12 Halftime marchers
- 14 Distant past
- 15 Had dinner
- 16 Kind of gin
- 17 Missing
- 18 Paper in chem lab
- 20 Honked
- 22 Historical period
- 23 Aleta’s son
- 24 Showed fright
- 27 Steak cut
- 30 Got off the plane
- 31 Is not well
- 32 Luau strummer
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- 36 Writing on the wall
- 37 Money earned
- 39 Fills with cargo

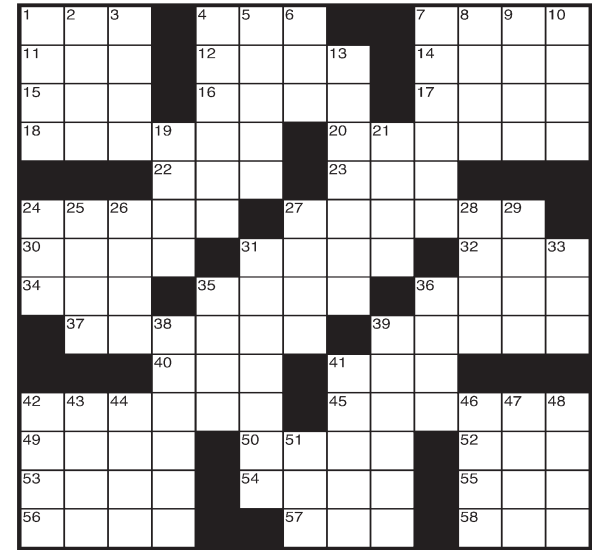
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- 50 Freight hauler
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- 54 Detected
- 55 Chaperoned girl
- 56 Lassies
- 57 Internet suffix
- 58 That, to Juanita

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- 5 Chili pepper dip
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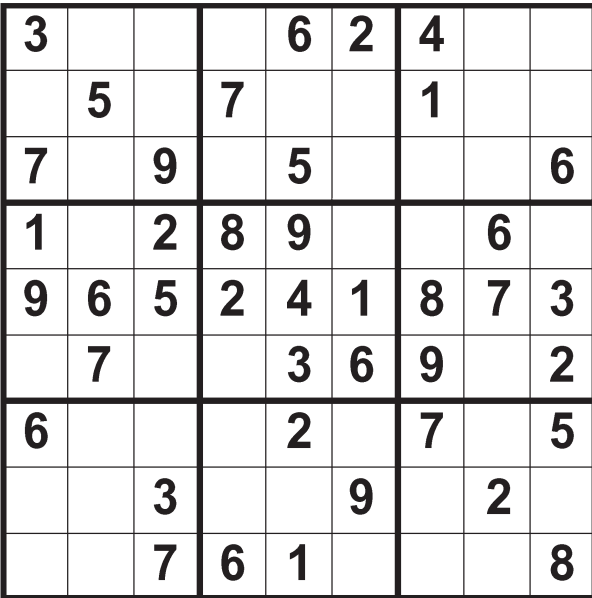
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JUMBLE

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Yesterday’s

Jumbles: THEFT ORBIT MERELY SHAKEN

Answer: When 4-foot-10-inch Danny DeVito was called to the film set, he said he’d — BE THERE SHORTLY

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

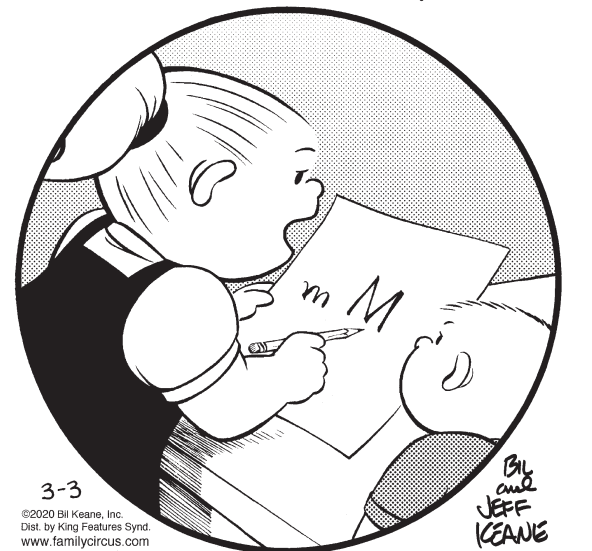


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By Bil Keane

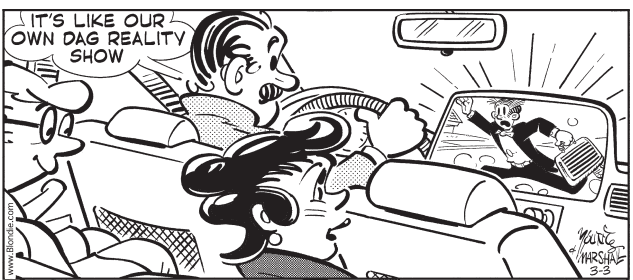
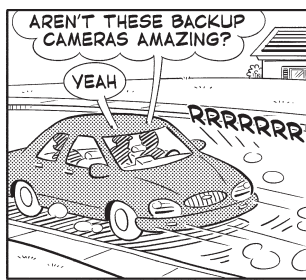


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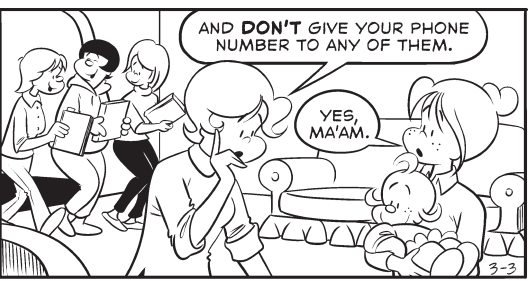
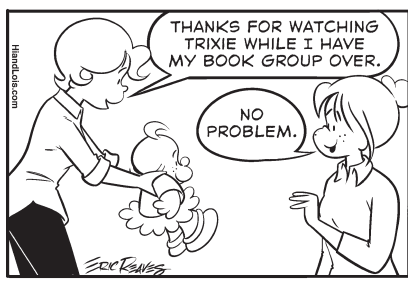
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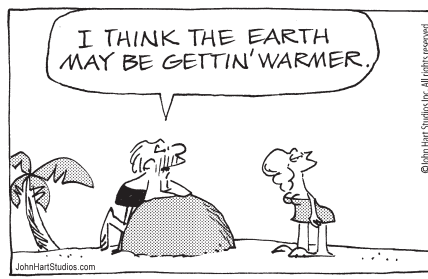
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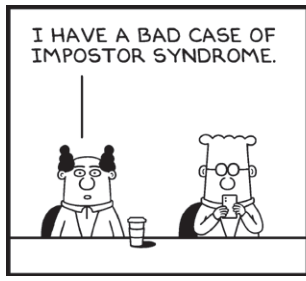
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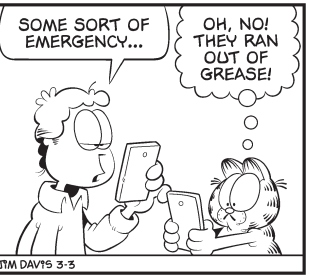
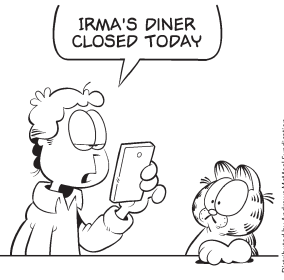
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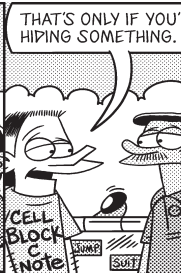
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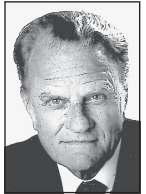
Are we prepared for eternity?

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My wife and I have spent much of our marriage planning for our children’s future. Is it wrong, now, to begin planning for ours? — P.P.

A: When the NASA Viking landers arrived on Mars, the world exclaimed, “Unbelievable! Magnificent!” The mysterious Red Planet had been penetrated. An ingeniously designed robot which was the result of one billion dollars and the probing minds of hundreds of scientists had accomplished a task that man had dreamed about for generations. Exploring the great mysteries of the universe, trying to predict the quirks of nature, attempting to predict a trend in society or politics are all modern concerns, and took a tremendous amount of planning and preparation.

Billy Graham
My Answer



In the business world people search for ways to improve their efficiency. On office walls and monitor screens people display slogans like “Plan Ahead” or “Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan.” Corporations hire consultants to help improve their planning. We use calendars to help us stay on schedule. Imagine if no planning took place? People would not make it to doctor appointments, bills would go unpaid, and businesses would collapse.

But what about the greater issue of life, when our busy lives come to an end. Are we

prepared for eternity that will last longer than our few years on earth? Many people seldom give this any thought. Much of the world spends hours a day searching for answers, accumulating more knowledge, while ignoring the God of all wisdom, knowledge, truth, and love. It is wise to prepare our children for life; it is right to plan for retirement; but we must never neglect the preparation of the soul that lives for eternity. This is what Jesus Christ is doing today, preparing a place in Heaven for all those who will answer His call of salvation (John 14:3).

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HYKIMSZT.” — IKXTZI EZVVK

Previous Solution: “The main thing that you have to remember on this journey is, just be nice to everyone and always smile.” — Ed Sheeran

TODAY’S CLUE: A sɪmʃə ɔ

Half of world’s sandy beaches at risk from climate change

By **FRANK JORDANS**
Associated Press

BERLIN — Scientists say that half of the world’s sandy beaches could disappear by the end of the century if climate change continues unchecked.

Researchers at the European Union’s Joint Research Center in Ispra, Italy, used satellite images to track the way beaches have changed over the past 30 years and simulated how global warming might affect them in the future.

“What we find is that by the end of the century around half of the beaches in the world will experience erosion that is more than

100 meters,” said Michalis Vousdoukas. “It’s likely that they will be lost.”

The study, published Monday in the journal Nature Climate Change, found that the extent to which beaches are at risk depends on how much average global temperatures increase by the year 2100. Greater temperature increases mean more sea level rise and more violent storms in some regions, causing more beaches to vanish beneath the waves.

“The projected shoreline changes will substantially impact the shape of the world’s coastline,” more than a third of which is sandy beach, the authors wrote.

Beaches are valuable for recreation, tourism and wildlife, while also providing a natural barrier that protects coastal communities from waves and storms.

Many coastal areas, including beaches, are already heavily affected by human activity such as seashore construction and inland dams, which reduce the amount of silt flowing into oceans that’s crucial for beach recovery.

Some countries will be more affected than others, the researchers said. Gambia and Guinea-Bissau in West Africa could lose more than 60 percent of their beaches, while predictions for Pakistan, the

island of Jersey in the English Channel and the Comoros islands are similarly dire.

Australia would be hardest-hit in terms of total beach coastline lost, with over 7,080 miles at risk. The United States, Canada, Mexico, China, Russia, Argentina and Chile would also lose thousands of miles of beach, according to the study.

Andres Payo, an expert on coastal hazards and resilience at the British Geological Survey, said that while the study’s methods were sound, its claims should be treated with caution.

“There are many assumptions and generalizations

that could change the outcome of the analysis both qualitatively and quantitatively,” said Payo, who wasn’t involved in the study.

However, Vousdoukas said the amount of beach loss estimated by his team was in fact “a bit conservative” and could be higher.

The group considered two different warming scenarios – one in which average global temperatures rise by 4.3 Fahrenheit by the end of the century and another that predicts an increase twice as high. The Paris climate accord’s most ambitious target, of capping warming at 34 Fahrenheit, wasn’t considered because scientists consider it unlikely to be

achieved, Vousdoukas said.

The study’s authors calculated that up to 40 percent of shoreline retreat could be prevented by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that are driving climate change, but said that large and growing populations living along the coast will also need to be protected through other measures.

Citing the example of the Netherlands, which has battled the sea for centuries and even reclaimed substantial areas of low-lying land, the authors said “past experience has shown that effective site-specific coastal planning can mitigate beach erosion, eventually resulting in a stable coastline.”

Virus ravaging Iran kills confidant of supreme leader

By **NASSER KARIMI and JON GAMBRELL**
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — A member of a council that advises Iran’s supreme leader died Monday from the new coronavirus, becoming the highest-ranking official within the Islamic Republic’s Shiite theocracy to be killed by the illness ravaging the country.

The death of Expediency Council member Mohammad Mirmohammadi came as Iran announced the virus had killed at least 66 people among 1,501 confirmed cases. There are now 1,700 cases of the new coronavirus across the Mideast. Of those outside Iran, most link back to the Islamic Republic, which after China has the highest death toll from the COVID-19 illness caused by the virus.

di, whose father also once served on the Expediency Council, as having a close relationship to Khamenei.

The Expediency Council advises the supreme leader, as well as settles disputes between parliament and the Guardian Council, Iran’s constitutional watchdog that also oversees the country’s elections. The 45-member Expediency Council, which also includes former hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and officials close to Khamenei, last met in February with Mirmohammadi on hand.

Mirmohammadi’s death makes him the highest-ranking official within Iran’s theocracy to be killed by the virus. The virus earlier killed Hadi Khosroshahi, Iran’s former ambassador to the Vatican, as well as a recently elected member of parliament.

Iran stands alone in how the virus has affected its government, even compared to hard-hit China, the epicenter of the outbreak.

Those sick include Vice President Masoumeh Ebtekar, better known as “Sister Mary,” the English-speaking spokeswoman for the students who seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979 and sparked the 444-day hostage crisis, state media reported. Also sick is Iraj Harirchi, the head of an Iranian government task force on the coronavirus who tried to downplay the virus before falling ill.

Iranian government spokesman Ali Rabiei, himself addressing journalists by teleconference over concerns about the virus, acknowledged the challenges remaining for the Islamic Republic.

“We will have two difficult weeks ahead,” he said.

Health Ministry spokesman Ali Reza Raisi, who gave the new figures for the virus Monday, said that

Iran’s armed forces and its Basij, the all-volunteer arm of its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, stood ready to mobilize 300,000 troops to help combat the virus. Already, Guard vehicles have been spraying disinfectant on streets in major cities.

Those troops would help sanitize public areas, as well as running down leads on who infected people had contacted before falling ill, Raisi said.

Judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi, no relation to the health ministry official, acknowledged some people had begun stockpiling medical supplies for profit in the country. He urged prosecutors to show “no mercy for hoarders.”

“Hoarding sanitizing items is playing with people’s lives and it is not ignorable,” Raisi said.

Aid has been reaching Iran, despite international firms worried about conducting business with Tehran after the U.S. unilaterally withdrew from Iran’s nuclear deal with world powers and imposed sanctions. Some 7.5 tons of aid from the World Health Organization flew into Iran from the United Arab Emirates.

The WHO said a team of experts flew into Tehran Monday evening to help local health workers respond to the outbreak and deliver medical supplies. It added a WHO worker in Iran was sick with the virus as well.

Meanwhile, France, Germany and the United Kingdom said they would urgently fly laboratory tests for the virus into Iran, as well as protective body suits and gloves. They also offered close to \$5.5 million in financial support.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif thanked those donating supplies and said Tehran still needed protective gear, ventilators and test kits.

While Iran has closed

schools and universities to stop the spread of the virus, major Shiite shrines have remained open despite civilian authorities calling for them to be closed. The holy cities of Mashhad and Qom in particular, both home to shrines, have been hard-hit by the virus. Shiites often touch and kiss shrines as a sign of their faith. Authorities have been cleaning the shrines with disinfectants.

Police have arrested one man who posted a video showing himself licking the metal enclosing the Imam Reza shrine in Mashhad, the most-important Shiite saint buried in the country, according to reports by semiofficial news agencies. In the video, the man said he licked the metal to “allow others to visit the shrine with peace of mind.”

Meanwhile Monday, the virus outbreak saw itself dragged into the yearslong boycott of Qatar by four Arab nations over a political dispute.

A prominent columnist at Dubai’s government-owned Al-Bayan newspaper on Twitter falsely called the virus as being a plot by Qatar to hurt the upcoming Expo 2020 world’s fair in Dubai and Saudi Arabia. Noura al-Moteari later described the tweet as “satire” to The Associated Press after it gained widespread attention.

The Dubai Media Office similarly described the tweet as being written in a “cynical style” while distancing the Arabic-language daily from al-Moteari.

“Noura is a freelance writer and is not an employee of Al-Bayan nor does she represent the publication’s views,” it told the AP.

The tweet comes after Qatar expressed disappointment Sunday that nearly all of its Gulf neighbors snubbed invitations to attend the weekend peace signing ceremony between the U.S. and the Taliban.

Exit polls: Netanyahu just short of majority

By **ARON HELLER**
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a solid edge over his main rival in Israel’s third election in under a year, exit polls indicated Monday night, but it was unclear whether he could clinch the parliamentary majority needed to claim victory.

Exit polls on Israel’s main TV channels showed Netanyahu and his nationalist and religious allies winning 60 seats, one short of a parliamentary majority. The center-left bloc, led by former military chief Benny Gantz, was projected to win 52-54 seats.

If the official results from Monday’s election match the exit polls, Netanyahu would receive a major boost ahead of his trial on corruption charges, set to begin March 17.

Netanyahu, the longest-serving leader in Israeli history, has been a caretaker prime minister for more than a year as a divided country has weathered two inconclusive votes and prolonged political paralysis. With pre-election opinion polls forecasting another deadlock, Netanyahu had sought a late surge in support to score a parliamentary majority along with other nationalist parties for a fourth consecutive term in office and fifth overall.

He appeared to get it in the form of a surprisingly high turnout despite the weariness accompanying the second repeat election.

Netanyahu tweeted a heart emoji with the word “thanks” as well as photo of himself surrounded by his family, aides and supporters proclaiming “a giant victory for Israel.”

Miri Regev, a senior Likud member, proclaimed an “overwhelming victory” for Netanyahu’s party.

“The nation had its say, a referendum that proved the trust of the people in Net-

anyahu and in the Likud, with all the indictments and all the attempts to depose Netanyahu,” Regev said.

Netanyahu’s Likud party was projected to win 36-37 seats, a gain from September, when it won 32. Gantz’s centrist Blue and White party, which ran on a message that the prime minister is unfit to lead because of the serious charges against him, was projected to win 32-33 seats, roughly the same number as in September.

Gantz did not concede defeat and said he would “continue fighting” on behalf of his supporters.

Despite Netanyahu’s impressive showing, neither party appeared able to form a coalition with its traditional allies. With the prospect of a unity government between them seemingly off the table after a particularly nasty campaign, the vote may well turn into merely a preamble to another election if Netanyahu’s Likud can’t garner an additional seat.

“This is clearly an achievement from Netanyahu’s standpoint but by no means is it a clear, decisive outcome that enables him to form a stable, functioning government,” said Yohanan Plesner, president of the non-partisan Israel Democracy Institute. “The country is heading toward constitutional uncertainty.”

There was little fanfare ahead of the vote, with a noticeable absence of campaign posters on the streets and public rallies that typically characterize the run-up to Israeli elections.

Israel set up some 15 stations to allow voting by hundreds of people who have been ordered to remain in home quarantine after possible exposure to the coronavirus.

“The corona thing is completely under control. Today we’ve taken all the precautions that are necessary. People can go and vote with complete confidence,” Netanyahu said after casting his ballot in Jerusalem.

Child dies as migrants rush to cross Greek-Turkish border

By **COSTAS KANTOURIS and ELENA BECATOROS**
Associated Press

KASTANIES, Greece — A child died when a boat full of migrants heading to a Greek island capsized Monday, part of a wave of thousands trying to push through Greece’s land and sea borders.

The child’s death was the first since neighboring Turkey announced Thursday it was easing restrictions on those wishing to cross to Europe, and thousands of migrants began massing at the frontiers with Greece.

Greek authorities said they had stopped more than 24,000 attempted illegal crossings at the land border with Turkey since early Saturday, and arrested 183 people – very few of whom were Syrians.

Turkey’s announcement marked a dramatic departure from its previous policy of containing refugees and other migrants under an agreement with the European Union.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose country hosts more than 3.5 million Syrian

refugees, has demanded more support from Europe in dealing with the fallout from the Syrian war to its south.

As European countries rushed to back Greece, Erdogan said Monday that Western leaders were calling him and urging him to reverse the border opening. “It’s done, the gates are open now. You will have your share of this burden now,” he said he told them.

Soon “the number of people going to the border will be expressed in millions,” he said.

Greece, which has made clear its borders will remain closed, says it is faced with an organized Turkish campaign to push people through. The two uneasy NATO allies are historic regional rivals who have come close to war three times in the past half-century, and even before the migration crisis relations were tense over undersea exploitation rights.

Greek Development Minister Adonis Georgiadis said Greece faced “an organized invasion from a foreign coun-

try.”

“Turkey is making use of innocent people in its efforts to destabilize Greece and Europe,” he told state ERT TV.

The government has sent army and police reinforcements to its borders and suspended asylum applications for a month. It says it will return those entering the country illegally without registering them.

On Monday, Greek border guards prevented 4,354 people who attempted to cross the land border with Turkey, either by cutting or climbing the fence or crossing the Evros River running along the frontier, authorities said.

At one site, Greek police fired tear gas at migrants throwing stones as they tried to push through, while nearby other migrants held white flags, shouting “peace, peace,” and asking to be let in.

In the 24 hours until Monday morning, 977 people crossing on boats reached Greek islands near the Turkish coast, the coast guard said.

One dinghy carrying 48 migrants heading to the island of Lesbos was accompanied by a Turkish patrol vessel while in Turkish waters. The migrants deliberately overturned their boat once in Greek waters, the Greek coast guard said.

The coast guard said they rescued the migrants, but one boy, aged around 6 or 7 and believed to be from Syria, was unconscious and efforts to revive him failed.

On the Turkish side, an official said its coast guard saved people when their boat was targeted by the Greek coast guard. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record, said the Greek coast guard “performed maneuvers aimed at sinking” the boat as well as firing warning shots and hitting those on board with boat hooks. There was no immediate reaction from the Greek side.

Under a 2016 deal, Turkey agreed to stem the tide of refugees to Europe in return for more than 6 billion

euros in financial aid after more than a million people entered Europe in 2015. Ankara has since accused the EU of failing to honor the agreement. Erdogan has frequently threatened to “open the gates” unless more international support is provided.

Turkey eased its border restrictions amid a Russian-backed Syrian government offensive into Syria’s northwestern Idlib province, which has killed dozens of Turkish troops and sent nearly a million additional Syrian civilians fleeing toward Turkey’s sealed border.

With heavy clashes continuing there Monday, Erdogan said he is hoping to secure a cease-fire during talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow set for Thursday.

Margaritis Schinas, the EU commissioner for migration, told reporters in Berlin on Monday that “nobody can blackmail and intimidate the European Union,” Germany’s dpa news agency reported.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said it is “under-

standable” that Erdogan feels overwhelmed by the number of refugees at the Syrian border, and that Russia needs to be pressed on a cease-fire.

“I understand that the Turkish government and President Erdogan expect more from Europe,” Merkel said. But it is “fully unacceptable that that is now being put on the backs of refugees.”

German government spokesman Steffen Seibert said Merkel offered to hold a four-way meeting with Erdogan, Putin and French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss the crisis in Syria.

Seibert said upholding the EU-Turkey deal was in both sides’ interests, saying more than 3 billion euros has been released to Turkey so far, along with bilateral funds.

The prime minister of Bulgaria, which also shares a land border with Turkey, was heading for talks with Erdogan in Ankara later Monday. Boyko Borissov told reporters they will discuss the migrant issue and measures for de-escalating tensions in Syria.

